



Judge: Sides in Florida recount should 'ramp down' rhetoric

By TERRY SPENCER
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FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.

(AP) — After Republicans, including President Donald Trump, made unsubstantiated accusations of illegal activity, a judge on Monday urged the warring sides in the Florida recount to "ramp down the rhetoric," saying it erodes public confidence in the election for Senate and governor. The state's law enforcement arm and elections monitors have found no evidence of wrongdoing, but lawyers for the Republican party and the GOP candidates joined with Trump in alleging that irregularities, unethical behavior and fraud have taken place since the polls closed last week.

"An honest vote count is no longer possible" in Florida, Trump declared Monday, without elaborating.



LOSING COUNT

A protester holds a sign as U.S. Rep. Ted Deutch (D-Fla.) speaks Monday, Nov. 12, 2018, at the Broward Supervisor of Elections office in Lauderhill, Fla. The Florida recount continued Monday in Broward County.

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U.S. analysts locate secret North Korean missile sites

By **MATTHEW LEE**

AP Diplomatic Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. analysts said Monday they have located more than half of an estimated 20 secret North Korean missile development sites, highlighting the challenge the Trump administration faces in ensuring that North Korea complies with any eventual agreement to end its nuclear and missile programs.

The findings, which were released amid signs the administration's negotiations with the North have stalled, draw on commercial satellite imagery and identify 13 secret facilities used to produce missiles and related technology. They suggest that Pyongyang is continuing its mis-



In this June 12, 2018, file photo, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, left, and U.S. President Donald Trump shake hands at the conclusion of their meetings at the Capella resort on Sentosa Island in Singapore.

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sile work, even though it has halted test launches in what President Donald Trump and his administration have claimed as a success since his historic

June meeting with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un in Singapore.

Although the sites are not launch facilities and in some cases are rudimentary, the authors of the report from the Center for Strategic and International Studies say they are hidden and illustrate the scope of the North's weapons program and the country's determination to conceal its military might.

"The dispersed deployment of these bases and distinctive tactics employed by ballistic missile units are combined

with decades of extensive camouflage, concealment and deception practices to maximize the survival of its missile units from pre-emptive strikes and during wartime operations," they said.

The authors say the sites, which can be used for all classes of ballistic missile, therefore should be declared by North Korea and inspected in any credible, verifiable deal that addresses Pyongyang's most significant threats to the United States and its allies. North Korea analysts not involved in the report said the findings were not surprising given Pyongyang's past activities but were still cause for concern.

They noted that Kim had not agreed to halt either nuclear weapons or missile development in negotiations with Trump or Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.

"The fact that North Korea has continued to build nuclear weapons and ballistic missiles in the midst of high-level diplomacy with China, South Korea, and the U.S. should not come as a surprise," said Abraham Denmark, the Asia program director at The

Wilson Center.

"Despite all the summitry, North Korea is just as dangerous today as it was a year ago."

"Improving relations with Pyongyang may be a laudable goal, but any claim that the North Korean nuclear and missile threats have been solved is either wishful thinking or purposefully deceptive," he said.

"Interesting but unsurprising report," said Kelsey Davenport, director for nonproliferation policy at the Arms Control Association. "Kim Jong Un only committed voluntarily to halt long-range missile tests." The report was released less than a week after North Korea abruptly called off a new round of negotiations with Pompeo that had been set for Thursday in New York.

The cancellation, which the U.S. ascribed to scheduling issues, followed threats from North Korean officials to resume nuclear and missile testing unless U.S. sanctions are lifted.

The administration has said repeatedly that sanctions will not be lifted until a denuclearization agreement is fully implemented. □

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Roger Stone associate expects to be charged in Mueller probe

By **CHAD DAY/ERIC TUCKER**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — An associate of longtime Trump confidant Roger Stone said Monday that he expects to face charges in the special counsel's Russia investigation.

Conservative conspiracy theorist Jerome Corsi said on his YouTube show that negotiations fell apart with special counsel Robert

Mueller's team and he expects in the coming days to be charged with making false statements.

"I'm going to be indicted," Corsi said on his show. "That's what we were told. Everyone should know that, and I'm anticipating it."

Corsi, the former Washington bureau chief of the conspiracy theory outlet InfoWars, said Monday that he had no recollection of

ever meeting WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange.

"To the best of my recollection, what I knew in advance about what Julian Assange was going to do in terms of having the Podesta emails, I figured out," he said.

Corsi said Monday that he has been cooperating with the Mueller investigation since receiving a subpoena in late August. □



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He demanded that the election night results — which showed the Republicans leading based upon incomplete ballot counts — be used to determine the winner.

Trump went on to allege that “new ballots showed up out of nowhere, and many ballots are missing or forged,” and that ballots are “massively infected.” It was unclear what he was referring to.

The recount that is under-way is mandated by state law.

Much of the Republicans' ire was centered on Democrat-leaning Broward County and its Supervisor of Elections Brenda Snipes, a Democrat who was appointed in 2003 by then-Republican governor Jeb Bush. She has been re-elected four times. Critics have suggested the slow pace of ballot-counting in Broward is suspicious.

Broward elections officials have said this year's count was encumbered by the unexpectedly high turnout for a midterm election and the unusual length of this year's ballots, which contained 12 state constitutional amendment proposals, partly as a result of a constitutional revision commission that meets once every 20 years.

Bush said Monday on Twitter that Snipes should be removed from office, saying there was “no question” that she “failed to comply with Florida law on multiple counts, undermining Floridians' confidence in our electoral process.”

Snipes acknowledged Monday that “there have been issues that haven't gone the way we wanted.” She said “you can call it a

mistake or you can call it whatever you want to call it.”

She declined to comment on Trump's remarks, except to say that “we're in an era where people oftentimes speak without having vetted the information, so I'm not sure where the president gets his information from.”

She said she had not spoken with Trump.

The president's allegations came just hours before Broward Chief Circuit Judge Jack Tuter held an emergency hearing on a request by lawyers for Republican Gov. Rick Scott, whose lead in the Senate race over incumbent Democrat Bill Nelson has narrowed with the counting of provisional and other ballots. They asked for additional sheriff's deputies to be sent to Snipes' office to monitor ballots and voting machines. The lawyers requested that the deputies be present when the ballots and voting machines are not being used and until the recount is over.

State law requires a machine recount in races where the margin is less than 0.5 percentage points. In the Senate race, Scott's lead over Nelson was 0.14 percentage points. In the governor's contest, unofficial results showed Republican former Rep. Ron DeSantis ahead of Democratic Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum by 0.41 percentage points.

Once the recount is complete, if the differences in any of the races are 0.25 percentage points or less, a hand recount will be ordered. All 67 counties face a state-ordered deadline of Thursday to finish their recounts.

Meanwhile, the elections



A protester takes a selfie Monday, Nov. 12, 2018, at the Broward Supervisor of Elections office in Lauderhill, Fla. The Florida recount continued Monday in Broward County.

supervisor in heavily Republican Bay County said he allowed about 150 people to cast ballots by email, the Miami Herald reported. The county was devastated by a Category 4 hurricane in October, and Scott ordered some special provisions for early voting there. A statement that accompanied the order noted that returning ballots by email was not allowed under state law.

In their Broward request, Scott's lawyers alleged that Snipes was engaging in “suspect and unlawful vote counting practices” that violate state law and that she might “destroy evidence of any errors, accidents or unlawful conduct.” The motion was supported by lawyers representing the state Republican Party and opposed by Snipes' office, Nelson's campaign and the state Democratic Party. “I am urging because of the highly public nature of this case to ramp down the

rhetoric,” Tuter said.

“If someone in this lawsuit or someone in this county has evidence of voter fraud or irregularities at the supervisor's office, they should report it to their local law enforcement officer,” Tuter said. “If the lawyers are aware of it, they should swear out an affidavit, but everything the lawyers are saying out there in front of the elections office is being beamed all over the country. We need to be careful of what we say. Words mean things these days.” After Tuter told all sides to meet to discuss a compromise, they agreed to add three deputies to the elections office in Broward. During the hearing, Scott lawyer Jason Zimmerman argued that Snipes has a long history of election errors and irregularities. He said the only goal of the request was to “protect the integrity of the vote.” Snipes' lawyer, Eugene Pettis, said Snipes' office

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already has deputies, security guards and cameras guarding the ballots, and the recount process is conducted in view of four representatives each from the Republicans and Democrats.

Bipartisan experts agree that voter fraud is a rare phenomenon across the nation. That didn't stop protests outside Snipes' office, where a mostly Republican crowd gathered, holding signs, listening to country music and occasionally chanting “lock her up,” referring to Snipes. A massive Trump 2020 flag flew over the parking lot.

Other states are also waiting on key races to be decided. In the Georgia governor's race, Republican Brian Kemp holds a narrow lead over Democrat Stacey Abrams. In the Arizona Senate race, Democrat Kyrsten Sinema is ahead of Republican Martha McSally by more than 30,000 votes. □



After wave of teacher activism, some fall short in midterms

By **ADAM BEAM** and **CAROLYN THOMPSON**

Associated Press

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — After falling short in her race for the state legislature, high school history teacher Jenny Urie returned to her central Kentucky classroom, suddenly doubtful of just how far a grassroots uprising to bolster public education could go.

As massive walkouts over teacher salaries and school funding inspired many teachers to run for office, Urie was among at least 36 current and former educators on the ballot for the legislature in Kentucky. Two-thirds of them lost.

"Maybe," she said, "people are not as concerned about the future of public education as we might have thought they were. Maybe it hasn't hit them in their homes yet."

For educators who ran for office in states including Kentucky, Arizona and West Virginia that saw teachers converge on capitols this year, there were some successes but also disappointments. Still, advocates say, the movement will have lasting effects after pushing education onto the agenda of many midterm campaigns.

Many candidates who won held themselves out as champions of public education, and the teachers union will be watching to ensure they live up to their pledges, said Lily Eskelsen Garcia, president of the National Education Association.

"Promises were made to the public about commitments to those public school students, and we will be keeping score on who was for kids and who was just kidding, and that is going to make a huge difference in



In this Oct. 13, 2018 photo made available by Robert Osborne, Jenny Urie stands near a classroom in Kentucky.

2020," she said.

Advocates pointed to bright spots in the election results.

Wisconsin state schools Superintendent Tony Evers ousted Gov. Scott Walker, on whose watch teachers and other public workers lost nearly all collective bargaining power. Connecticut elected 2016 National Teacher of the Year Jahana Hayes to Congress. Democrat Tim Walz, who spent 20 years teaching and coaching high school, won the Minnesota governor's race, and math teacher Julie Blaha, a Democrat, was elected that state's auditor.

Speech pathologist Kathy Hoffman, a Democrat, declared victory Sunday over Republican Frank Riggs in the race to become Arizona's superintendent of public instruction, though the race remained too close to officially call, and four

school principals or administrators were elected to the Oklahoma House.

Also, Arizona voters rejected a Republican-backed measure to expand the state's private school vouchers program, criticized as a move to drain money from public schools. And several funding measures passed, including a \$500 million bond for school safety and water infrastructure in New Jersey and a constitutional amendment in Maryland to require casino revenue be set aside for schools.

The #RedforEd protests, in which teachers clad in red shirts converged on statehouses in conservative states including Oklahoma, had raised hopes of a groundswell of support for candidates who favored increased education spending and teachers who were inspired to run themselves.

Nationwide, polls showed education was not any more of a priority for most voters than in previous years, according to Rick Hess, director of education policy studies at American Enterprise Institute.

"We were awestruck by the energy and the passion that arose in spring. We were awestruck by how successful the teachers were in states like West Virginia, and Oklahoma and Arizona, but if you look simply at the data in terms of what voters were thinking about and saying was a big issue going into the voting booth, there's little evidence education played a big role," Hess said Friday during an Educators Writer Association panel discussion at the National Press Club in Washington.

In West Virginia, where the national movement began with a statewide teachers' strike in February, teacher

Cody Thompson, a Democrat, was elected as a state legislator Tuesday, but at least four other current or retired teachers lost House races. Still, teachers unions declared victory in the ouster of Republican majority leaders they had opposed in the House and Senate.

In Kentucky, teachers rallied against the Republican-dominated legislature for passing bills allowing charter schools and making changes to the state's retirement system. Protests in the spring shut down schools in more than 30 districts.

Special education teacher Tina Bojanowski was one of at least 10 educators to win seats in the Kentucky Legislature, defeating Republican state Rep. Phil Moffett after campaigning while teaching full time. She was surprised there were not more.

"The whole push for teachers running didn't pull as many voters over as it did, kind of just public dialogue," she said.

Urie said a few students told her they were sorry she lost. She said she worries teachers' poor showing in the election will embolden lawmakers to pass more bills she does not like, but she is optimistic about seeing so many of her friends involved in the political process.

"I know people in my personal life who were never politically active, never really cared about it, that are just like so much more aware of what's going on," she said. "We're all just kind of waiting to see what will happen. We're ready to respond when it does happen. If it does, we're ready to go back and fight for what we love." □

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Alexander Hamilton descendant loans heirlooms to museum

By KRISTEN DE GROOT
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The fifth great-grandson of Alexander Hamilton loaned some family heirlooms, including a ring that has a lock of his hair inside, to the Museum of the American Revolution Monday. Douglas Hamilton was in Philadelphia to give the artifacts to the museum to be featured as part of the museum's "Year of Hamilton" in an exhibit called "Hamilton Was Here: Rising Up in Revolutionary Philadelphia." The items include a Society of the Cincinnati Eagle insignia worn and owned by Hamilton and a gold mourning ring — featuring a lock of his hair set under a glass jewel — worn by his wife Elizabeth after his death. "My dad never talked to me about it," Douglas Hamilton said of growing up as a Founding Father descendant. "The only story I got from my father was that



Displayed is Alexander Hamilton's Society of the Cincinnati Eagle insignia by Douglas Hamilton, his fifth great-grandson, at the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia, Monday, Nov. 12, 2018.

being a descendant from Alexander Hamilton and 10 cents would get you a cup of coffee." The 67-year-old Ohio man said their famous distant relative wasn't something the family focused on. He said a cardboard box containing the heirlooms was passed quietly from generation to generation, and stowed away until it passed on again. But as Hamilton's

legacy has re-emerged with the hit Broadway musical and a number of books in recent years, he has been embracing his ancestor and sharing his stories and objects. He even has a grandson named Alexander Hamilton who was born on what might have been the 250th anniversary of the Founding Father's birth. (His birthday has been speculated as Jan. 11, 1755 or

Jan. 11, 1757.)

"I think it's important as time goes by to make sure they're remembered," he said Monday inside the workroom at the museum, where curators were preparing his loaned items, which also include a never-before-displayed handkerchief embroidered with Elizabeth's name, and a baby dress with an accompanying note saying it was made by her. Those heirlooms will be put on display in early 2019 after they undergo conservation.

"These items give us a glimpse into the personal lives of Alexander and Elizabeth Hamilton and we're honored and delighted that Doug and his family have chosen to loan them to us," said Philip Mead, the museum's chief historian and director of curatorial affairs.

The Alexander Hamilton Awareness Society connected Doug Hamilton with the museum.

"He just called me one day out of the blue and introduced himself and I said, 'Boy, this doesn't happen every day that a Hamilton calls you and offers to loan national treasures,'" Mead said. That Hamilton offered to drive the items to the museum himself to drop them off was even better, he added.

Alexander Hamilton was an original member of the Society of the Cincinnati, which was founded by officers of the Continental Army at the American Revolutionary War. The pendant on loan has its original ribbon, which is significantly worn from use.

Doug Hamilton said the last time Aaron Burr and Alexander Hamilton met before their fateful duel was at a meeting of the Society of the Cincinnati at Fraunces Tavern in New York City, and he speculates his ancestor was wearing the pendant during that last interaction. □

Service held for veterans' cremains found at funeral home



Honor guards from the US Air Force carry the cremated remains of veterans found at Cantrell Funeral home during a full military ceremony at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly on Monday, Nov. 12, 2018. About 20 Patriot Guard Riders lined the walk with flags for the ceremony.

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HOLLY, Mich. (AP) — A service was held Monday at a Michigan cemetery for the cremated remains of about 20 military veterans found in a closed Detroit funeral home. Hearses bearing the remains were escorted by police from the Detroit area to Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, about 50 miles (80 kilometers) northwest of Detroit. The name of each veteran being laid to rest also was read aloud. Their remains were among several hundred discovered this year inside the Cantrell Funeral

Home, which the state shut down in April after inspectors found improperly stored bodies and other violations.

"To bury the dead is one of the great acts of mercy and the final act of charity that we can give to our brothers today," monsignor and retired Navy chaplain Timothy Hogan said in leading the service. "Now, may they rest in peace."

Detroit police are investigating Cantrell Funeral Home after the remains of 10 mummified fetuses and a full-term infant were

found last month beneath insulation in a ceiling. A separate investigation is underway on the Perry Funeral Home in Detroit after 63 fetuses also were found last month in boxes and freezers.

Verheyden Funeral Homes in the Detroit area provided identification of the cremains from Cantrell at no cost, and led efforts to bury them.

Non-military remains were interred earlier this month at a Detroit cemetery. Some of those have yet to be identified. □

Bishops delay votes on combating church sex abuse crisis

By **DAVID McFADDEN and DAVID CRARY**

Associated Press

BALTIMORE (AP) — At the Vatican's insistence, U.S. Catholic bishops abruptly postponed plans Monday to vote on proposed new steps to address the clergy sex abuse crisis roiling the church.

Cardinal Daniel DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said he was told on the eve of the bishop's national meeting to delay action until after a Vatican-convened global meeting on sex abuse in February.

"We are not ourselves happy about this," DiNardo told reporters in an unusual public display of frustration at a Vatican pronouncement.

"We are working very hard to move to action — and we'll do it," he said. "I think people in the church have a right to be skeptical. I think they also have a right to be hopeful."

The bishops are meeting through Wednesday in Baltimore and had been expected to consider several steps to combat abuse, including a new code of conduct for themselves and the creation of a special commission, including lay experts, to review complaints against the bishops.



Cardinal Daniel DiNardo of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, prepares to lead the USCCB's annual fall meeting, Monday, Nov. 12, 2018, in Baltimore.

The bishops plan to proceed with discussing these proposals, which were drafted in September by the bishops' Administrative Committee. Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, of Chicago, suggested the bishops could hold a non-binding vote on the proposals while in Baltimore and then convene a special assembly for a formal vote after considering the results of the global meeting in February.

"I realize that another meeting will create logistical challenges for the con-

ference staff and the bishops' schedules, but there is a grave urgency to this matter and we cannot delay," Cupich said.

Abuse scandals have roiled the Roman Catholic Church worldwide for decades, but there have been major developments this year in the U.S.

In July, Pope Francis removed U.S. church leader Theodore McCarrick as a cardinal after church investigators said an allegation that he groped a teenage altar boy in the 1970s was

credible. Subsequently, several former seminarians and priests reported they too had been abused or harassed by McCarrick as adults, triggering debate over who might have known and covered up McCarrick's misconduct. In August, a grand jury report in Pennsylvania detailed decades of abuse and cover-up in six dioceses, alleging more than 1,000 children had been abused over the years by about 300 priests. Since then, a federal prosecutor

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in Philadelphia has begun working on a federal criminal case centered on child exploitation, and attorneys general in several other states have launched investigations.

DiNardo, in his address opening the bishops' assembly, told survivors of clergy abuse he was "deeply sorry."

"Some would say this is entirely a crisis of the past. It is not," DiNardo said. "We must never victimize survivors over again by demanding they heal on our timeline."

After DiNardo's address, the bishops adjourned to a chapel for a daylong session of prayer that includes remarks by two survivors of clergy abuse who have worked to promote healing and reconciliation among other victims.

"Please understand the heart of the church is broken and you need to fix this now," Luis A. Torres Jr. told the bishops. "You were not called to be CEOs... You were not called to be princes. Be the priests that you were called to be. Please act now. Be better. Be good."

Outside the conference hall, news of the delay in voting angered some protesters who were demanding the bishops take strong action against abuse. □

Episcopal bishop says he is banning gay unions on his turf

By **MICHAEL HILL**
Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — An Episcopal bishop in upstate New York says the church has been "hijacked by the 'Gay Rights Agenda'" in a directive barring same-sex marriages in his diocese.

The pastoral directive from The Rev. William Love, who is based in Albany, New York, highlights lingering opposition three weeks before a resolution goes into effect setting rules for same-sex marriages in Episcopal churches nationwide. Love's letter sent Saturday said the policy going into effect Dec. 2 "turns upside down over 2000 years of Church teaching" about marriage.

"The Episcopal Church and Western Society have been hijacked by the 'Gay Rights Agenda,' which is very well organized, very strategic, very well financed, and very powerful," Love wrote in the eight-page letter.

He added: "Satan is having a heyday bringing division into the Church over these issues."

Church leaders in July overwhelmingly passed the same-sex marriage resolution, which gives bishops with theological objections to same-sex marriages the option to have other clergy perform services. Eight dioceses had previously refused to comply with an earlier 2015 resolution allowing same-sex marriage in the church.

Love is the only U.S. bishop refusing to comply with the new resolution, according to The Rev. Susan Russell, an activist for an inclusive church based in the Los Angeles diocese.

Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Michael Curry said in a prepared statement Monday he's "assessing the implications" of Love's letter and will soon decide on "appropriate actions."

"We are committed to the principle of full and equal access to, and inclusion in, the sacraments for all of the baptized children of God, including our LGBTQ siblings," he said.

Curry said those who have taken vows to obey church doctrine

must act in ways that uphold decisions of church. The Times Union reported some parishioners gathered outside St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Albany on Sunday to ceremonially burn Love's letter announcing the directive.

Other congregants said the directive doesn't fit the teachings of the church. "You come to a church looking for comfort and love and you're told that you're acting in concert with Satan?" said Nadya Lawson, an Albany resident who said she felt welcome at St. Andrew's as a lesbian. "Anybody who doesn't fit in with his vision of how things should be is unsafe because of his letter and his actions." □



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Dead in cars and homes: Northern California fire toll at 29

By **GILLIAN FLACCUS** and **DON THOMPSON**
Associated Press

PARADISE, Calif. (AP) — The dead were found in burned-out cars, in the smoldering ruins of their homes, or next to their vehicles, apparently overcome by smoke and flames before they could jump in behind the wheel and escape. In some cases, there were only charred fragments of bone, so small that coroner's investigators used a wire basket to sift and sort them.

At least 29 people were confirmed dead in the wildfire that turned the Northern California town of Paradise and outlying areas into hell on earth, equaling the deadliest blaze in state history, and the search for bodies continued Monday. Nearly 230 people were unaccounted for by the sheriff's reckoning, four days after the fire swept over the town of 27,000 and practically wiped it off the map with flames so fierce that authorities brought in a mobile DNA lab and forensic anthropologists to help identify the dead.

Meanwhile, a landowner near where the blaze began, Betsy Ann Cowley, said she got an email from Pacific Gas & Electric Co. the day before the fire last week telling her that crews needed to come onto her property because the utility's power lines were causing sparks.

PG&E had no comment on the email, and state officials said the cause of the inferno was under investigation.



Leveled residences line a block following the Camp Fire in Paradise, Calif., on Monday, Nov. 12, 2018.

As the search for victims dragged on, friends and relatives of the missing called hospitals, police, shelters and the coroner's office in hopes of learning what became of their loved ones. Paradise was a popular retirement community, and about a quarter of the population was over 65.

Tad Teays awaited word on his 90-year-old dementia-stricken mother. Darlina Duarte was desperate for information about her half-brother, a diabetic who was largely housebound because he had lost his legs. And Barbara Hall tried in vain to find out whether her aunt and the woman's husband, who are in their 80s and 90s, made it out alive from their retirement

community.

"Did they make it in their car? Did they get away? Did their car go over the edge of a mountain somewhere? I just don't know," said Hall, adding that the couple had only a landline and calls were not going through to it.

Megan James, of Newfoundland, Canada, searched via Twitter from the other side of the continent for information about her aunt and uncle, whose house in Paradise burned down and whose vehicles were still there.

On Monday, she asked on Twitter for someone to take over the posts, saying she is "so emotionally and mentally exhausted."

"I need to sleep and cry," James added. "Just PRAY.

Please."

The blaze was part of an outbreak of wildfires on both ends of the state. Together, they were blamed for 31 deaths, including two in celebrity-studded Malibu in Southern California, where firefighters appeared to be gaining ground against a roughly 143-square-mile (370-square-kilometer) blaze that destroyed at least 370 structures, with hundreds more feared lost. Some of the thousands of people forced from their homes by the blaze were allowed to return, and authorities reopened U.S. 101, a major freeway through the fire zone in Los Angeles and Ventura counties.

Malibu celebrities and mobile-home dwellers in nearby mountains were slowly

learning whether their homes had been spared or reduced to ash.

All told, more 8,000 firefighters statewide were battling wildfires that scorched more than 325 square miles (840 square kilometers), the flames feeding on dry brush and driven by blowtorch winds.

In Northern California, fire crews still fighting the blaze that obliterated Paradise contended with wind gusts up to 40 mph (64 kph) overnight, the flames jumping 300 feet across Lake Oroville.

The fire had grown to 177 square miles (303 square kilometers) and was 25 percent contained, authorities said.

There were tiny signs of some sense of order returning to Paradise and also anonymous gestures meant to rally the spirits of firefighters who have worked in a burned-over wasteland for days.

Large American flags stuck into the ground lined both sides of the road at the town limits, and temporary stop signs appeared overnight at major intersections. Downed power lines that had blocked roads were cut away, and crews took down burned trees with chain saws.

The 29 dead in Northern California matched the deadliest single fire on record, a 1933 blaze in Griffith Park in Los Angeles.

A series of wildfires in Northern California's wine country last fall killed 44 people and destroyed more than 5,000 homes. □

EU, UK inch closer to a deal as Brexit hangs in the balance

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BRUSSELS (AP) — Britain and the European Union appeared to be inching toward agreement on Brexit on Monday, but British Prime Minister Theresa May faced intensifying pressure from her divided Conservative government that could yet scuttle a deal.

Britain leaves the EU on March 29 — the first country ever to do so — but a deal must be sealed in the coming weeks to leave enough time for the U.K. and European Parliaments to sign off. May faces increasing domestic pressure over her proposals for an agreement following the resignation of another government minister last week.

The British leader had been hoping to present a draft deal to her Cabinet this week. But no Brexit breakthrough was announced Monday after talks between European affairs ministers. The two sides are locked in technical negotiations to try to bridge the final gaps in a move laden with heavy political and economic consequences. May said talks were in their “endgame” but that negotiating a divorce agreement after more than four decades of British EU membership was “immensely



European Union chief Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier arrives to a meeting at the European Council headquarters in Brussels, Monday, Nov. 12, 2018.

difficult.” May told an audience at the Lord Mayor’s Banquet in London that “we are working extremely hard, through the night, to make progress on the remaining issues in the Withdrawal Agreement, which are significant.

“Both sides want to reach an agreement,” May said, though she added she wouldn’t sign up to “agreement at any cost.”

The main obstacle to a deal is how to keep goods flowing smoothly across the border between EU country Ireland and North-

ern Ireland in the U.K. Both sides have committed to avoid a hard border with costly and time-consuming checks that would hamper business. Any new customs posts on the border could also re-ignite lingering sectarian tensions. But Britain and the EU haven’t agreed on how to achieve that goal. “Clearly this is a very important week for Brexit negotiations,” Irish Foreign Minister Simon Coveney told reporters after the meeting in Brussels. “The two negotiating teams have really intensified their

engagement ... There is still clearly work to do.”

And Martin Callanan, a minister in Britain’s Brexit department, said all involved were “straining every sinew to make sure that we get a deal but we have to get a deal that is right for the U.K., right for the EU and one that would be acceptable to the U.K. Parliament.”

EU Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier didn’t speak to reporters Monday and a planned news conference with him was canceled. Instead, EU headquarters issued a short statement say-

ing that Barnier explained to the ministers that “intense negotiating efforts continue, but an agreement has not been reached yet.”

Dutch Foreign Minister Stef Blok said the two sides “are getting closer to each other.”

“But in negotiations there is only a deal if there is full agreement,” Blok said. “There is only a 100-percent deal. There is not a 90-percent deal or a 95-percent deal.”

Earlier, France’s EU affairs minister, Nathalie Loiseau, stepped up pressure on May. “The ball is in the British court. It is a question of a British political decision,” she said.

The EU is awaiting Barnier’s signal as to whether sufficient progress has been made to call an EU summit to seal a deal.

Rumors have swirled of a possible top-level meeting at the end of November. But Austrian EU affairs minister Gernot Blumel, whose country holds the EU’s rotating presidency, said “so far progress is not sufficient to call in and set up another (summit).”

In recent days there have been signs of progress behind the scenes, but all parties have remained tight-lipped about the developments, given the politically charged atmosphere. □

Separatists win vote in Ukraine rebel regions by big margins



Acting leader of the self-proclaimed Donetsk People’s Republic Denis Pushilin casts his ballot at a polling station during rebel elections in Donetsk, Ukraine, Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018.

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MOSCOW (AP) — Separatist leaders in eastern Ukraine have secured their

hold on power in weekend local elections that have been denounced by Ukrainian authorities and the

West as illegitimate. Local election officials in the self-proclaimed Donetsk and Luhansk People’s Republics said Monday that acting leaders Denis Pushilin and Leonid Pasechnik won the votes with 61 and 68 percent respectively.

Voters also cast ballots for local legislatures in the provinces, where Russian-backed separatists have fought Ukrainian forces since 2014 in a conflict that has killed more than 10,000 people. Although a 2015 peace deal called for local elections in Donetsk and Luhansk, critics, including Ukraine’s president, the U.S. and the European Union say the vote is illegitimate

because it was conducted in areas where Ukraine has no control.

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko discussed the elections with German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Emmanuel Macron during ceremonies in Paris on Sunday commemorating the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I.

In a statement after the meeting, Merkel and Macron said that holding “so-called” elections undermines Ukraine’s territorial integrity, and urged all sides to respect the cease-fire and release political prisoners. Russian President Vladimir Putin’s spokesman, Dmi-

try Peskov, said the vote came as the regions were fighting for survival as a result of a Ukrainian blockade and a looming threat of the resumption of full-scale fighting.

“The republics had nothing else but to self-organize in order to ensure their existence and fulfill their obligations to the people who were abandoned by their own country,” Peskov told reporters.

Rebel leaders have similarly rejected Western criticism, arguing that Ukraine has failed to fulfill its commitments under the terms of the 2015 peace deal, notably of granting broad powers to the rebel regions. □



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Leaders meet in Italy to find settlement in Libya

By PAOLO SANTALUCIA

Associated Press

PALERMO, Sicily (AP) — Representatives of Libya's quarrelling factions and of countries keen on stabilizing the North African nation started meetings in Sicily on Monday, as Italy encourages a political settlement that could bolster the fight against Islamic militants and stop illegal migrants from crossing the Mediterranean to Europe's southern shores.

Italy's anti-migrant populist government organized the two-day conference in Palermo with an eye to making progress on a long-elusive goal of ending years of lawlessness in Libya. Rival Libyan administrations jockey for power, militias clash in often deadly bids to boost prestige and influence, and human traffickers exploit the chaos to pursue their lucrative business from their base in the North African country.

Arriving a few hours before a closed working dinner to begin the conference, Italian Premier Giuseppe Conte told reporters the conference aims to "help end the armed conflicts and to help the Libyan stabilization process" in the framework of the United Nations. Eventually, the West hopes Libyans will have a democratic election, but the conference isn't aiming to fix a date. "We want the Libyan people to be able to democratically decide their own future," Conte said.

There was skepticism on how much progress might



A police officer stands in the area of Villa Igiea, the site of an international conference on Libya, in Palermo, Italy, Monday, Nov. 12, 2018.

be made toward stability at the conference in a luxury seaside hotel in large part because it wasn't clear if a key player, Gen. Khalifa Hifter, commander of the self-styled Libyan National Army with a power base in eastern Libya, would meet with his Libyan rivals in plenary sessions set for Tuesday.

Conte warmly shook hands with Hifter as he greeted guests arriving for the dinner session.

Libya plunged into chaos after the 2011 uprising that ousted and killed longtime dictator Moammar Gadhafi, and it is now governed by rival administrations in the east and west with both relying on the support of militias.

It has also become a haven for Islamic militants and

armed groups, including several from neighboring countries, which survive on looting and human trafficking, particularly in the remote south of the country. Conte met on Monday with Ghasan Salame, the U.N. special envoy to Libya, who last week told the U.N. Security Council that the "status quo in Libya was untenable" with the country. One of Salame's other meetings on conference sidelines saw him exchange views on political developments with Fayez Serraj, the prime minister of the U.N.-backed government in Tripoli and a chief rival of Hifter. Italy has been a staunch Serraj backer. Libya's neighbor to the east, Egypt, backs Hifter. Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, among the

participants, had recently reiterated Cairo's call for lifting the international arms embargo against Libya.

In an interview published Monday in Italian daily La Stampa, Conte portrayed the gathering as an opportunity to "sustain the creation and deployment of regular armed forces and security forces."

For rights advocates, the conference posed another kind of opportunity: To draw attention to the plight of migrants trapped in Libya, now that the nearly nightly launching of human traffickers' boats from Libya's coasts has sharply dropped off as Italy and Malta have closed their ports to private rescue groups' vessels. "Amnesty International is calling on all those taking part in the conference to

ensure that human rights of all people in the country, including refugees and migrants, are placed at the center of their negotiations," the rights group said in a statement.

It decried that Libya has "repeatedly delayed" the opening of a long-promised processing center for the U.N. refugees organization, to relocate refugees from "abusive detention centers."

With Libya's rich oil and gas resources, energy-rivals Italy and France have been jockeying for influence.

France hosted a meeting on Libya in May, when rival Libyan leaders tentatively agreed on a roadmap for parliamentary and presidential elections but declined to sign a declaration outlining their commitments. Conte's six-month-old government and especially anti-migrant Interior Minister Matteo Salvini — sees a more stable and secure Libya as the best outcome for Italians, and for the right-wing voter base in particular. Hifter has been instrumental in the fight against militants, going after them in their eastern hideouts and occasionally foraging into the vast and largely lawless south. □

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Israel, Hamas trade heavy fire after deadly incursion

By **FARES AKRAM**
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Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Palestinian militants bombarded Israel with dozens of rockets and mortar shells Monday while Israeli warplanes struck targets throughout the Gaza Strip in what appeared to be the most intense exchange of fire since a 2014 war. Palestinian officials said at least three people, including two militants, were killed by Israeli fire and nine were wounded, and an Israeli airstrike destroyed the ruling Hamas group's TV station. In Israel, the national rescue service said at least seven people were wounded, including a 19-year-old soldier who was in critical condition.

The fighting, triggered by a botched undercover Israeli military raid in Gaza, cast doubt over recent understandings brokered by Egypt and U.N. officials to reduce tensions. Just a day earlier, Israel's prime minister had defended those understandings, saying he was doing everything possible to avoid another war. The undercover troops, apparently on a reconnaissance mission, were discovered several kilometers (miles) inside Gaza on Sunday, setting off a battle that left seven militants, including a Hamas commander, and an Israeli military officer dead.

Around sundown on Monday, militants launched some 100 rockets in less than an hour, the most intense barrage since the 50-day war four years ago. The outgoing rockets, which continued into the evening, lit up the skies of Gaza and set off air raid sirens throughout southern Israel.

The military said warplanes, helicopters and tanks had struck over 30 militant targets, including military compounds, observation posts and weapons facilities. It also said it targeted a squad that was launching rockets.

Lt. Col. Jonathan Conricus, a military spokesman, said the army had sent addi-

tional infantry troops, rocket defense systems and intelligence units to the Gaza

In all, some 200 rockets were fired into Israel by mid-evening, the army

gunmen in uniforms carried coffins and mourners chanted "revenge."



An Israeli soldier stands near a burning bus after it was hit by a mortar shell fired from Gaza near the Israel Gaza border, Monday, Nov. 12, 2018.

Associated Press

frontier.

"We continue to strike and retaliate against the military targets belonging to terrorist organizations in Gaza, and as for our intentions we will enhance these efforts as needed," he told reporters.

Late Monday, an airstrike destroyed the Gaza City headquarters of Hamas' Al Aqsa TV station. Israel had fired warning shots ahead of the airstrike, prompting the station to halt programming and replace it with a logo. Minutes later, the airstrike flattened the three-story building and the station went black.

Workers had evacuated the building after the warning shots, and there were no immediate reports of casualties.

Hamas spokesman Fawzi Barhoum condemned the bombing as "a barbaric, brazen aggression." Ten minutes later, the station resumed broadcasts, airing prerecorded national songs.

Hamas and the smaller militant group Islamic Jihad said the rocket fire was revenge for Sunday night's Israeli incursion. Islamic Jihad spokesman Daoud Shehab said the groups wanted "the occupation and its supporters know that the lives of our sons come with a price."

said. The Israeli military said it intercepted 60 rockets, and most of the others fell in open spaces. But rockets landed in the southern Israeli town of Sderot, setting off a large fire near a shopping center. Another rocket landed near a factory, and several homes were hit in southern towns.

The military said a bus traveling near the border was struck by an anti-tank missile, critically wounding a 19-year-old soldier. The strike set the bus on fire, sending a large plume of black smoke over the area. Conricus said others were injured in the attack, but gave no further details.

Six other people were lightly wounded by shrapnel in various attacks, medical officials said.

Michael Oren, an Israeli Cabinet minister, said Israel "will do whatever it takes" to defend itself. "We expect the world to stand with us," he said.

The EU's ambassador to Israel, Emanuele Giaufret, called for a halt in "indiscriminate" rocket fire toward civilians. "Everyone must step back from the brink," he said.

Earlier Monday, thousands of Palestinian mourners buried the seven militants killed in Sunday's incursion. Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh led a funeral as masked

Hamas set up checkpoints across Gaza in a show of force. It also restricted movement through crossings with Israel, preventing foreign journalists, local businessmen and some aid workers from leaving the territory.

Hamas also canceled a weekly beach protest in northwestern Gaza along the border with Israel. The organizers cited "the ongoing security situation."

Israel and Hamas have fought three wars since the Islamic militant group seized control of Gaza from the internationally-backed Palestinian Authority in 2007. In the most recent war, over 2,200 Palestinians were killed, more than half of them civilians, and tens of thousands were left homeless. Seventy-three people were killed on the Israeli side.

Israel and Egypt have maintained a blockade on Gaza since the Hamas takeover. The blockade has devastated Gaza's economy. Unemployment is over 50 percent, the territory suffers from chronic power outages and most residents are unable to travel abroad.

For over seven months, Hamas has been leading protests along the Israeli border aimed in large part at breaking the blockade.

More than 170 Palestinians, most unarmed, have been killed by Israeli fire during the protests. Israel says it is defending its border against militant infiltration attempts.

In recent weeks, Egyptian and U.N. mediators had appeared to make progress in brokering informal understandings aimed at quieting the situation.

Last week, Israel allowed Qatar to deliver \$15 million to Gaza to allow cash-strapped Hamas to pay the salaries of thousands of government workers. At the same time, Hamas has lowered the intensity of the border protests in recent weeks.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu cut short a visit to Paris because of the flare-up and returned to Israel on Monday for consultations with top security officials.

The Hamas military wing, Izzedine al-Qassam, said that in Sunday's incursion, Israeli undercover forces drove about 3 kilometers (2 miles) into southeastern Gaza and shot and killed Nour el-Deen Baraka, a mid-level commander in the southern Gaza town of Khan Younis. Qassam members discovered the car and chased it, prompting Israeli airstrikes that killed several people, the group said.

The military provided few details about Sunday's raid. The Israeli military chief, Lt. Gen.

Gadi Eisenkot, said a "special force" carried out "a very meaningful operation to Israel's security," without elaborating.

Conricus said the operation was "not intended to kill or abduct terrorists but to strengthen Israeli security." He said the force faced a "very complex battle" and was able to "ex-filtrate in its entirety."

In a tweet after his arrival back home, Netanyahu praised the slain officer, whose identity was kept confidential for security reasons, and said "our forces acted courageously." The officer's funeral was held Monday. □

S. Korea sends tangerines to North in return for mushrooms

By **HYUNG-JIN KIM**

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)

— South Korea has airlifted 200 tons of tangerines to North Korea in return for shipments of pine mushrooms by the North in September, officials said Monday.

South Korean military planes flew to Pyongyang, North Korea's capital, on Sunday and Monday to deliver the fruit from the southern island of Jeju, according to Seoul's Defense Ministry.

The airlifts are another sign that liberal South Korean President Moon Jae-in is moving ahead with efforts to improve ties with North Korea despite stalemated global diplomacy on the North's nuclear program.

After a summit meeting between the Koreas in Pyongyang in September, North Korea gave South Korea 2 tons of pine mushrooms as a goodwill gesture. Pine mushrooms are white and brown fungi that are considered a healthy delicacy in both Koreas and other Asian countries. They are one of the North's most prized regional products, and the country shipped them to South Korea in 2000 and 2007 after previ-



In this Nov. 11, 2018 photo, South Korea's Air Force cargo planes C-130 carrying boxes of tangerines, is seen before its take off for North Korea at the Jeju International Airport on Jeju Island, South Korea.

ous summit talks.

After their summit, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un also gave Moon a gift of two dogs, both white Pungsans. On Monday, Moon tweeted that one of the dogs, named Gomi, gave birth to six healthy puppies last Friday.

"Six dogs were added to a gift of two dogs. I cannot help saying it's a big fortune and I hope that South-North ties will be like this,"

Moon said.

Pungsan is a dog breed native to North Korea and is best known for its loyalty and bravery during hunting. North Korea sent a pair of Pungsans to South Korea after the 2000 summit, and South Korea gave two indigenous Jindo dogs to the North.

Despite warming ties between the Koreas, there have been no major recent breakthroughs in U.S.-

led diplomacy aimed at stripping North Korea of its nuclear program.

According to officials in Seoul and Washington, North Korea recently postponed high-level talks with the United States on the North's disarmament and on setting up a second summit between President Donald Trump and Kim.

After a provocative series of nuclear and missile tests last year, North Korea en-

tered talks with the United States and South Korea this year, saying it's willing to deal away its growing nuclear weapons arsenal. The North has since taken measures such as dismantling its nuclear test site and parts of its rocket-engine testing facility, but U.S. officials want it to take more significant, irreversible steps toward denuclearization.

Moon, who has met Kim three times this year, believes that better ties between the Koreas will help resolve the nuclear issue.

South Korea's Unification Ministry said Monday it has approved a visit by seven North Koreans to attend an academic forum in the South later this week. The forum is on regional issues, including Japan's wartime mobilization of laborers in the Asia-Pacific region.

Seoul said Saturday that the two Koreas have finished withdrawing troops and firearms from some of their front-line guard posts as part of their agreements to lower military tensions. The Koreas have also halted military exercises along their border and have been clearing mines from a border area to conduct their first-ever joint searches for Korean War dead. □

Singapore, Malaysia renew ties as historic rival surfaces

By **ANNABELLE LIANG**

Associated Press

SINGAPORE (AP) — Singapore's leader vowed Monday to strengthen ties with Malaysia, which is now led by a historic rival following a game-changing election.

Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said during a visit by his Malaysian counterpart, Mahathir Mohamad, that the countries had a "special bond" and were each other's second-biggest trading partners. Singapore is also Malaysia's second-largest foreign investor.

"Singapore and Malaysia will always have a good place for each other in our hearts, and because of our proximity and interdependence, we will always have



Malaysia's Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, left, shakes hands with Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong at the Istana in Singapore, Monday, Nov. 12, 2018.

an interest in each other's development and success," Lee said, adding that he looked forward to working with Mahathir.

Mahathir led Malaysia for 22 years before stepping

down in 2003.

During his term there were frequent sharp exchanges with neighboring Singapore and Lee's father, its first prime minister, Lee Kuan Yew.

In May, an electoral upset that toppled former Prime Minister Najib Razak brought Mahathir into power again. Mahathir had put aside a dispute with a former political nemesis to lead a four-party coalition to victory.

The 93-year-old plans to lead the country for at least two years before handing the reins to his former nemesis, Anwar Ibrahim.

Mahathir is on his first official visit to Singapore since winning the election. He said he hopes the two countries will maintain good relations, even with different administrations in power.

"Singapore and Malaysia are mutually dependent. Singapore has got no hinterland, but it must regard Malaysia as its hinterland.

On the other hand, for a very long time, Malaysia had to depend on Singapore for its exports and imports," Mahathir said.

Neither leader addressed bumps in projects since Mahathir has taken office. He has put the brakes on the construction of a high-speed rail connecting the country's capital, Kuala Lumpur, and Singapore.

Mahathir is also renegotiating a decades-old water treaty, and plans to raise the price of water sold to Singapore by more than 10 times.

On Monday, Mahathir expressed hope that the countries will be able to work together despite having a rivalry.

"Malaysia and Singapore are twins, in a way. □

Migrant caravan moving to western Mexico city of Guadalajara

By MARIA VERZA
Associated Press

IRAPUATO, Mexico (AP) — Several thousand Central American migrants marked a month on the road Monday as they hitched rides to the western Mexico city of Guadalajara and toward the U.S. border.

Most appear intent on taking the Pacific coast route northward to the border city of Tijuana, which is still about 1,550 miles (2,500 kilometers) away. The migrants have come about 1,200 miles (1,900 kilometers) since they started out in Honduras around Oct. 13.

While they previously suffered from the heat on their journey through Honduras, Guatemala and southern Mexico, they now trek along highways wrapped in blankets to fend off the morning chill.

Karen Martinez of Copan, Honduras, and her three children bundled up with jackets, scarves and a blanket.

"Sometimes we go along laughing, sometimes crying, but we keep on going," she said.

By late afternoon, the first migrants arrived on the outskirts of Guadalajara, and



Central American migrants, part of the caravan hoping to reach the U.S. border, get a ride on a eighteen wheeler pulling a trailer, in Irapuato, Mexico, Monday, Nov. 12, 2018.

buses took them to an auditorium where they would sleep for the night.

While the caravan previously averaged only about 30 miles (50 kilometers) a day, the migrants are now covering daily distances of 185 miles (300 kilometers) or more, partly because they are relying on hitchhiking rather than walking.

On Monday morning, migrants gathered on a highway leading out of the

central city of Irapuato looking for rides to Guadalajara about 150 miles (242 kilometers) away.

"Now the route is less complicated," Martinez said. Indeed, migrants have hopped aboard so many different kinds of trucks that they are no longer surprised by anything. Some have stacked themselves four levels high on a truck intended for pigs. On Monday, a few boarded a

truck carrying a shipment of coffins, while yet others squeezed into a truck with narrow cages used for transporting chickens.

Many, especially men, travel on open platform trailers used to transport steel and cars, or get in the freight containers of 18-wheelers and ride with one of the back doors open to provide air flow.

The practice is not without dangers. Earlier, a Hondu-

ran man in the caravan died when he fell from a platform truck in the Mexican state of Chiapas.

Jose Alejandro Caray, 17, of Yoro, Honduras, fell a week ago and injured his knee. "I can't bend it," Caray said as he watched other migrants swarm aboard tractor-trailers.

"Now I'm afraid to get on," he said. "I prefer to wait for a pickup truck."

After several groups got lost after clambering on semi-trailers, caravan coordinators began encouraging migrants to ask drivers first or have someone ride in the cab so they could tell the driver where to turn off.

Over the weekend, the central state of Queretaro reported 6,531 migrants moving through the state. Another group was farther behind and expected to arrive in Mexico City on Monday. The caravan became a campaign issue in U.S. midterm elections and U.S. President Donald Trump has ordered the deployment of over 5,000 military troops to the border to fend off the migrants. Trump has insinuated without proof that there are criminals or even terrorists in the group. □

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Rights commission expresses deep concern about Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights expressed deep concern over human rights in Brazil on Monday, saying it will monitor what happens when the government of President-elect Jair Bolsonaro assumes office Jan. 1.

After a one-week visit to eight states in Latin America's biggest country, the commission released a report highlighting violence suffered by indigenous people, the growing exclusion of those living on the streets, threats against freedom of expression, the vulnerability of minorities, and a culture of impunity among police.

"Killings committed by security forces must end. They must protect people, not kill them," the commission's



Margarette May Macaulay, center, president of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, attends a press conference, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Monday, Nov. 12, 2018.

Associated Press

president, Margarette May Macaulay, said at news conference. "The focus must be on the protection of life."

In 2017, an estimated 5,012 people were killed by police, which represents a 19

percent increase from the previous year. Brazil is one of the countries with the highest homicide rates in the world, with 30.8 violent deaths per 100,000 inhabitants.

Urrejola also said Brazil is

a country where "intolerance and hate speech affect the freedom of expression, protests and meetings of LGBTI communities, women, Afro-descendants and indigenous peoples." During their visit, commission members met with members of the current government of President Michel Temer, in addition to social organizations and activists. They did not meet with anyone from Bolsonaro's future team.

"If there had been any interest, we were available," the report said.

Brazilian officials did not make any immediate comment about the commission's report.

But advisers to Bolsonaro, a far-right former army captain, in the past have had harsh words for the com-

mission, which is a permanent body of the Washington-based Organization of American States.

Gustavo Bebbiano, an incoming Cabinet member, has called the commission "leftist" and said it has "zero credibility."

The report expressed veiled criticism at some of the core proposals of Bolsonaro's government, including its hardline approach to security and its campaign promise to institute greater legal protections for police officers who commit crimes.

"Experience shows that the escalation of 'zero tolerance' speech strengthens the risk of higher numbers of extrajudicial executions," said, Antonia Urrejola, a member of the commission. □

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ORANJESTAD – In the year 1974 a group of enthusiastic people, stimulated by the Netherlands, founded the “Stichting Blindenzorg Aruba” foundation. In 1975 the name was changed to the Papiamentu name “Fundacion Arubano di esnan Visualmente Incapacita,” abbreviated as FAVI, easily recognizable in the community. The name FAVI nowadays is directly linked to the visually impaired. Cetty Baarh, Director of the foundation: “FAVI is for the blind and visually impaired, we are the only one on the island that gives guidance to this group. The objective is to help and guide them with the main purpose to make them happy again. We focus first on happiness because when the person feels good about her or himself again after losing her or his sight, only then we can mean something to them. Only then they accept our help and if they do we concentrate on what they want and need.”

Reintegration into Society

Either the eye specialist or the client initiates to come to FAVI. Next they go to their home to see the situation and register their needs. “What do you want? How is your home situation? Do you have problems at your job? are some of the questions we ask. After that we do a practical visual check with a revalidation therapist. The test is not medical but for us to determine the person's visual capacity. When a person has 30% or less they are considered a visually impaired person.” In general people with a vision above that, they are not accepted. However the exception is when their functional system is not working well, we need to



set a guideline. FAVI has ten workers, the director, two teachers, bus drivers, receptionist, and cleaning lady among others. A revalidation therapist gives all trainings and operates the vision testing. She teaches patients how to work on the computer, typing and does Braille classes for clients and teachers as well.

It does not stop there, as the assistant at the school also has to teach Braille to the parents. There are information briefings to the police school and lectures within the community. The activity coordinator takes care of all social activities like trips to the beach or casino and bus trips, a Christmas celebration or a comedy show visit. The social workers visit the homes of the clients and organize conversational sessions as there are so many topics that the clients have issues with and in this group they talk and find solutions. “Depressions are common with our clients but this group helps them a lot, there is a way out. We focus on what they can still do and on acceptance. If you were able to see before and lose your sight it is really very difficult. When a child is born without sight mostly the parents have problems. We need to teach the child how the world appears and we paint that world. Their social behavior differs often from other children as their senses are more developed and they express in a different way which can cause misunderstandings.

3, 105 Visually Impaired

According to Census Aruba 2010 there are 3,105 visually impaired people. FAVI only has 350 clients, by percentage that is comparable to the Netherlands and Curacao. “They do not look for help easily. The reasons are the taboo, they are embarrassed to get out,

do not want people to know and will try to ignore it, as long as manageable. Other factors are they do not wish to burden the family so they keep themselves isolated”, the director explains. The majority of the clients are visually impaired because of glaucoma or diabetes; for sure 80% of those illnesses are the cause and also age. A smaller group is born with the illness, like premature babies, babies with eye disease or born with cataracts. “Before the age range was 60 and up, but the clients are getting younger, so 50 and up is now applicable but a growing group are young people in their twenties. This is because of the unhealthy eating lifestyle so they get diabetes that can go hand-in-hand with losing sight.”

Reach Out

FAVI visits the doctors to underline the importance of referring clients to them. “We would like to reach everybody, we have the knowledge in-house and the professionals working here. We call on the community to be open to us, even if you do not have this problem yourself, you might know someone in your neighborhood, and friends, family and you help a lot to inform them about us to coax them out of isolation.

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“We would love tourists to come and see our facility to see what we have to offer and interact with clients. Clients are always open to that, so call us and stop by. Every Wednesday we have gym class and we have other classes, it would be great to show you how we work and have you spread the word,” Baarh says. FAVI as a foundation receives a government subsidy, mainly to pay the workers and they have other funds from different donations. “We do activities to get funding and we have collectors. We can only run by that. We are in need of equipment and that is expensive, especially for the blind and visually impaired, like Braille type machines, printers etc. For example we have two blind children on the island that follow regular education completely in Braille, so they have their typing machine for Braille. But the technology is advancing and we need to be able to keep up to make sure these kids can proceed in the regular system.” □

If you would like to visit the foundation, please call: + (297) 582-5222 or 582-5051 and ask for Cetty Baarh. For more information visit the website: <http://www.favi-aruba.org/> or Facebook: FAVI. Thank You!

Emotional ending for “Crossing for Hope”

SAVANETA — Last Sunday, the entire community of Aruba united as one to be part of this historic event. Davy Bisslik, Stephan Thijsen, Romar Arendsz, Deaxo Croes and Wendy Kock of the Aruba Dolphins swimming club have been preparing for almost a year in order to achieve their goal, swimming from Venezuela to Aruba with a special purpose to collect funds for the Wilhelmina Cancer Funds. This event was called “Crossing for Hope.”

The 5 swimmers, together with family and volunteers, left Aruba on Friday morning. On Sunday morning at 7 AM, all the swimmers left Piedras Negras, Venezuela in the direction of Aruba. At approximately 3 PM the first swimmer reached Savaneta, Aruba. This was Davy Bisslik, son of the legendary Roly Bisslik, who swam from Venezuela to Aruba 30 years ago. Davy was received by a big crowd,



who were cheering and applauding for him. It was a great celebration. You could see the joy, the ex-

citement and the pride in everyone's faces. Bit-by-bit, the other swimmers arrived.



They were received with the same fanfare. This event has so many special things to it, not only does Aruba have five new hero's, but there is Wendy Kock, the first female ever to swim such distance. Then there is

Stephan Thijsen, the youngest person to take part in such an event. This for sure is something Aruba is proud of. The swimmers were accompanied by family, friends and several other people during this journey. There were people that jumped into the water and even swam side-by-side with them. Even children were fascinated by these five “human dolphins” achievement. The Wilhelmina Cancer Funds also showed gratitude to these five swimmers who sacrificed so much for a great cause. □

Pictures by: Andreina Morillo



Chamber of Commerce Aruba presents “SDG's and the opportunities for the private sector”

ORANJESTAD — The Chamber of Commerce invites you to a presentation about ‘SDG's and the opportunities for the private sector’.

The United Nations Sustainability Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that were adopted in September 2015 by 193 countries have also become a global standard for businesses. The United Nations SDGs make an end to the maze



of standards for Sustainability for a uniform way of measuring sustainability.

There are many opportunities for both small and big businesses in the sustain-

ability space that yet have to be explored in Aruba. The United Nations Resident Representative for Aruba, Curacao, St Martin, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago, Mr. Magdy Martinez-Soliman and Deputy Resident Representative Sharifa Ali-Abdullah, will be visiting Aruba from the 14th to the 16th of November 2018 and will present how the SDG's provide new business opportunities and sustainable business practices.

Mr. Martinez' presentation will be followed by a discussion and cocktail hour. This will take place on Wednesday, November 14, from 5.30 PM till 7 PM at the Chamber of Commerce Auditorium. If you wish to register, please send an email to businessinfo@arubachamber.com mentioning your name and phone number. Please submit your registration no later than Tuesday, November 13, 2018. □

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Thirteen years vacation on Aruba, but first time at Dragonfly restaurant

PALM BEACH — Brad and Kathy, a retiree and a supply planner of Pepsi Cola from Cranston, Rhode Island, have been coming here on their annual vacation thirteen times.

This year, they discovered Dragonfly restaurant: they were walking in the Arawak Garden, planning to go to Fishes & More, but Carlo 'stole them'. He directed them to Dragonfly. So Brad ordered the chicken teriyaki and Kathy had the grouper butterfly and Mongolian beef. Both were 'the best dishes they tasted during this vacation'. And, they added: 'The staff was friendly; we'll come back next year!'

We're so glad that you found a great new restaurant on the island, Brad and Kathy. And we'll see you next year for sure! ☐



Aruba Marriott Resort takes customers by surprise with a one of a kind VIP Experience at Aruba Island Take Over



PALM BEACH – On Friday, November 2nd, Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino initiated Marriott's Global Customer Appreciation Week (GCAW) by inviting its top local customers to a unique and VIP customer experience at Aruba Island Take Over.

The night started with a special welcome reception at the hotel, where the attendees indulged in hors d'oeuvres and cocktails, and received their welcome kits including their wristbands and tokens for

Aruba Island Take Over. At 8:30PM, the group gathered in the lobby and was transported with private transfers to Aruba Harbor Arena, where VIP tables were reserved exclusively for them to enjoy the night.

The Global Customer Appreciation Week is a yearly initiative of Marriott International, dedicated to solely extending appreciation and gratitude to Marriott's amazing customers around the world. It is a great time to reinforce relationships with existing customers and

establish connections with new ones. It is also a great opportunity to highlight the great customer service extended to customers by Marriott's brilliant hosts. Additionally, during this very special week, the sales team of Aruba Marriott Resort along with the hotel's Executive Team will be visiting and contacting customers locally as well as internationally to thank them for their continuous support throughout the year and remind them how much they are appreciated by their Marriott family. □



SPORTS



In this Feb. 21, 2014 file photo women's slalom gold medal winner Mikaela Shiffrin of the United States poses for photographers with the U.S. flag at the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics in Krasnaya Polyana, Russia.

Associated Press

Issues galore, resources limited for typical U.S. Olympic org.

By EDDIE PELLIS
AP National Writer

Soon after he accepted the thankless task of trying to rebuild the sprawling, fractured operation at USA Track and Field, Doug Logan received a one-line text from the NBA commissioner at the time, David Stern: "You only take the easy ones." Logan laughed. Deep down, the former commissioner of Major League Soccer knew if he did what was necessary, he'd make enemies and be gone in a few years. He lasted 26 months — not very surprising given the world of Olympic-style politics, infighting, limited resources and multilayered demands he walked into. "There's the old cliché of 'low risk, high reward,'" Logan said. "Taking a job like that, it's 'high risk, low reward.'"

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SMACK DOWN



James' dunk lifts Lakers to 107-106 win over Hawks

Los Angeles Lakers' Tyson Chandler (5) blocks a layup attempt from Atlanta Hawks' Trae Young, center, as time in the game expired during the second half of an NBA basketball game Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018, in Los Angeles. Los Angeles won 107-106.

Associated Press

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It's done: Jimmy Butler trade to Philadelphia completed

By **TIM REYNOLDS**

AP Basketball Writer

MIAMI (AP) — Jimmy Butler is in Philadelphia, and upon his arrival he immediately began talking about winning a championship. "The Process" has a whole new meaning.

Butler, a four-time All-Star forward, is now officially a member of the 76ers, after they and the Minnesota Timberwolves received approval from the league office Monday on the terms of the trade that was agreed to over the weekend.

"He replicates, he mirrors, the spirit of Philadelphia," 76ers coach Brett Brown said. "He is a fierce competitor. And there is a toughness that he plays with. That's who he is. And he wears it on his face, it's seen in his game, it's confirmed by multiple all-defensive teams and it's a perfect fit for the city and our program defensively."

The deal gives Philadelphia a legitimate "Big Three," with Butler joining All-Star forward Joel Embiid and reigning rookie of the year Ben Simmons on a team that already was expected to be a major Eastern Conference contender this season. Butler flew into Philadelphia on Monday and told NBC Sports Phila-



Minnesota Timberwolves guard Jimmy Butler (23) battles for position against Sacramento Kings guard Buddy Hield (24) during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Sacramento, Calif., Friday, Nov. 9, 2018.

Associated Press

delphia that fans should expect "a guy who wants to win."

"We want a championship," Butler said as he signed a couple of autographs before he was driven away from the airport. "And I think the core group of guys that we have will figure out a way to get it done."

Butler and Justin Patton were traded to Philadelphia for Robert Covington, Dario Saric and Jerryd Bayless, along with a 2022 second-round draft pick.

Butler will be introduced by the 76ers on Tuesday and is

expected to debut with his new club Wednesday at Orlando. Philadelphia was playing at Miami on Monday.

"We have a championship window that's centered around the continued progression of our talented young core, as well as our ability to add elite players who elevate our program," 76ers general manager Elton Brand said. "In Joel Embiid and Ben Simmons, we have two of the NBA's top 20 players. Now, we've added a third top-20 player in Jimmy Butler."

The 76ers won 47 games in

a three-season span between 2013 and 2016. They won 28 in 2016-17, made the jump to the playoffs at 52-30 last season and now will be considered an even more serious threat to emerge as the East representative in the NBA Finals. "The biggest challenge is piecing all this together," Brown said. "It's not even close. ... I say that completely from an excitement standpoint. This isn't a burden. Sure, it's a responsibility. But I'm excited with piecing this together." Butler has averaged 21.8 points per game since the start of the 2014-15 season, the 13th-highest clip in the NBA over that span.

There are three teams with multiple current teammates averaging at least that many points over those seasons. Golden State has three such players, with Stephen Curry, Kevin Durant and DeMarcus Cousins, though Cousins hasn't played yet this season for the Warriors while recovering from surgery.

Oklahoma City teammates Russell Westbrook and Paul George also have averaged that much — and now, Philly has such a pairing in Butler and Embiid.

"I think he's going to bring toughness, scoring ability,

a veteran," 76ers guard Markelle Fultz said. "Just going to compete on both ends of the floor and I hope he pushes this team to a higher level."

Butler is the obvious headliner to this trade, though there will be some adjustments for the 76ers to make now that the deal is finally done.

Saric and Covington were key players for Philadelphia, combining to make 398 starts including playoffs for the 76ers during their time with the club. Saric averaged 13.5 points with the 76ers over parts of three seasons, while Covington averaged 12.9 points during his five seasons with Philly. They were the starting forwards for the 76ers in nearly every game last season, when Philadelphia had its best record since 2000-01 — the last time that the franchise went to the NBA Finals.

"We're excited to have these guys come in," Wolves coach Tom Thibodeau said. "With Robert and Dario, that they've started on a good team, they'll help."

The deal between the teams was struck on Saturday, though it couldn't become official until the trade call Monday. □



Novak Djokovic of Serbia plays a return to John Isner of the United States in their ATP World Tour Finals doubles tennis match at the O2 Arena in London, Monday Nov. 12, 2018.

Associated Press

By **SAM JOHNSTON**

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — The opening matches at the ATP Finals led to a debate over whether conditions at the O2 Arena were trickier than in past years.

Novak Djokovic ended it. The Wimbledon and U.S. Open champion made an impressive start to his campaign for a sixth title by dismissing John Isner 6-4, 6-3 on Monday. Roger Federer, who lost on Sunday,

Djokovic cruises past Isner in ATP Finals opener

and Alexander Zverev described conditions as challenging following their error-strewn opening matches at the season-ending tournament, but Djokovic dropped just six points on his serve and made six unforced errors. "My results here have been pretty good in the last 10 years, so I can't complain too much," said Djokovic, who has won four titles at the London venue. "It takes a little bit of time really to get yourself adjusted to the surface because the surface is a good surface." A day after a ceremony to mark ending the season as No. 1, Djokovic underlined his

status by nullifying Isner's usually destructive serve. Isner, who at 33 became the season-ending tournament's oldest debutant since 1972, applied himself admirably but barely avoided being broken more than once in the first set, and was broken twice more in the second set. "It was amazing," Isner said of the atmosphere. "I wish I could have given them a bit more to cheer for." The one break Djokovic converted in the first set, at 2-2, was a cross-court forehand return winner which stranded Isner. Cristiano Ronaldo was in attendance, with Djokovic perhaps spurred

on even more by the Juventus forward's presence. "It's great to have big football star, sports star like him, courtside watching tennis," Djokovic said. At 3-3, 15-30 in the second set, Isner sent down a second serve at 126 mph (203 kph). Djokovic sent it straight back at his feet and a shocked Isner hit his backhand long to concede two more break points. A forehand error from Isner confirmed the break, and the end of the contest. The merciless Djokovic held serve before breaking Isner once more with an inch-perfect backhand passing shot on match point. □

James nets 26, dunks for winner as Lakers edge Hawks 107-106

By The Associated Press
LOS ANGELES (AP) — LeBron James scored 26 points and dunked for the winning basket in the final seconds, lifting the Los Angeles Lakers to a 107-106 victory over the Atlanta Hawks on Sunday night.

Kyle Kuzma added 18 points for the Lakers' fifth win in six games.

Kuzma's layup tied the game at 104-all with 1:34 to go.

Kent Bazemore was called for a technical at the end of that play and Kuzma made the free throw for a 105-104 lead.

Vince Carter dunked to put the Hawks back up 106-105.

James got fouled at the other end and missed both. But the Lakers got the offensive rebound and Kuzma charged into the paint amid three defenders for a shot from the left side. It missed.

James was waiting on the right, dunking for a 107-106 lead.

Taurean Prince led the Hawks with 23 points, Bazemore added 21 and Trae Young had 20 for Atlanta, which still has just one road win on the season.

ROCKETS 115, PACERS 103 HOUSTON

(AP) — James Harden scored a season-high 40 points and Chris Paul added 26 to help the Rockets to their first home win of the

season.

Clint Capela had 18 points and seven rebounds for the Rockets, who had lost the last two games of a season-long five-game road trip, dropped their first four home games.

Houston was up by 10 with about four minutes left after five quick points by the Pacers, but Harden made two free throws after that to stretch the lead. The Pacers got within 8 on a basket by Cory Joseph with about 90 seconds left, but Paul made a layup a few seconds later to put the game out of reach.

Victor Oladipo had 22 for the Pacers, who have lost three of their last four games. Bojan Bogdanovic added 20 points and had six assists, and Darren Collison had 13 points.

HORNETS 113, PISTONS 103 DETROIT

(AP) — Tony Parker scored 24 points, Kemba Walker had 24 points and seven assists in the win for Charlotte.

Cody Zeller added 14 points to help Charlotte win for the third time in four games.

Andre Drummond had 23 points and 22 rebounds for the Pistons, and Reggie Bullock had a career-high 23 points, hitting six 3-pointers. Detroit has lost six of eight after a 4-0 start.

Detroit's Blake Griffin was given a flagrant-2 foul and

ejected with 7:06 to play for a shoulder check on Malik Monk.

MAGIC 115, KNICKS 89

NEW YORK (AP) — Terrence Ross scored 22 points, Nikola Vucevic had 21 points and 14 rebounds, and Orlando won its second straight and for the fourth time in five games.

Harlem native Mo Bamba played his first NBA game at Madison Square Garden and had 15 points and eight rebounds. Evan Fournier added 12 points for the Magic.

The Magic made a season-high 17 3-pointers off 42 attempts.

Enes Kanter notched his fifth straight double-double with 16 points and 15 rebounds, and Kevin Knox had 17 points for the Knicks, who've lost two straight and four of five.

BUCKS 121, NUGGETS 114

DENVER (AP) — Brook Lopez had a career-high eight 3-pointers and 28 points to help the Milwaukee Bucks snap an eight-game skid in Denver.

All five Bucks starters scored in double figures and four of them had 20 or more points in Milwaukee's first win at the Pepsi Center since 2010.

Giannis Antetokounmpo had 22 points, nine rebounds and eight assists. Khris Middleton had 21 points, and Malcolm Brogdon added 20.



Los Angeles Lakers' LeBron James (23) dunks against the Atlanta Hawks during the first half of an NBA basketball game Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018, in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

Paul Milsap led the Nuggets with 25 points and Nikola Jokic added 20. Denver has lost three straight.

TRAIL BLAZERS 100, CELTICS 94

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Damian Lillard had 19 points and 12 assists and Portland won its fourth straight game.

Jusuf Nurkic added 18

points and 17 rebounds for Portland. The Trail Blazers have won seven of their last eight games.

Jayson Tatum matched his regular-season career high with 27 points and Kyrie Irving added 21 for the Celtics. They finished 1-4 on their trip.

The Blazers led by as many as 21 points in the game. □

MLS Playoff Capsules

Martinez scores twice, Atlanta United beats NYCFC 3-1

By The Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Josef Martinez scored two goals and Atlanta United won the first playoff series in franchise history, knocking off New York City FC 3-1 in the second leg of the Eastern Conference semifinals Sunday. Atlanta won the two-game series 4-1 on aggregate, finishing off the visiting team with Martinez's second goal on a breakaway in the 83rd minute. The game drew a crowd of 70,526 — another attendance record for the

2-year-old franchise that has quickly developed one of the world's most rabid soccer followings. The victory made up for the bitter disappointment of Atlanta United's inaugural season, when the expansion team made the playoffs but lost a knockout-round game at home to Columbus on penalties. Atlanta claimed a big edge in the series by winning the first leg, 1-0 at Yankee Stadium. United, which finished two points behind New York Red Bulls

in the Supporters' Shield standings, returned home merely needing a tie to go through to the Eastern Conference final. They got more than that, earning a spot in the conference final against the Red Bulls.

Miguel Almiron also scored for United. Maxime Chanot scored for New York City.

RED BULLS 3, CREW 0, RED BULLS ADVANCED ON 3-1 AGGREGATE HARRISON, N.J. (AP) — Daniel Royer scored twice in a 2:44 span late in the second half, and

New York beat Columbus to advance to the Eastern Conference finals. The Red Bulls overturned a first-leg deficit and likely will free the U.S. Soccer Federation to hire Crew coach Gregg Berhalter to run the American national team.

Alex Muyl scored in the 17th minute to wipe out Columbus' advantage from Gyasi Zardes' second-half goal in the opening leg. Royer gave New York the aggregate lead in the 73rd.

SPORTING KC 4, REAL SALT

LAKE 2, SPORTING ADVANCED ON 5-3 AGGREGATE KANSAS CITY, Kan.

(AP) — Daniel Salloi scored two goals and Kansas City beat Real Salt Lake for Sporting's first playoff win in five years. It gave Sporting a 5-3 series win on aggregate to advance to face the Portland Timbers in the Western Conference finals, also a two-game series.

Diego Rubio also scored for Kansas City. Sebastian Saucedo and Damir Krejciach scored for Salt Lake. □

Titans sack Brady, upset Patriots 34-10

By The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) —

Tom Brady added another big chunk of NFL history to his resume. The Tennessee Titans made sure the Patriots quarterback didn't finish his 300th game.

The Titans sacked Brady three times and hit him repeatedly as they beat New England 34-10 Sunday, snapping a seven-game skid against the Patriots in Mike Vrabel's first game as head coach against the team he helped win three Super Bowls.

It was the most sacks allowed in a game this season by the Patriots (7-3), and coach Bill Belichick pulled Brady for Brian Hoyer midway through the fourth quarter.

Only Brett Favre (326) has played in more games, both regular season and postseason, as a quarterback than Brady. The three-time NFL MVP also needed only three touchdown passes to tie Peyton Manning (579) for the NFL record for most TD passes all time for both the regular season and postseason. He left having thrown for 254 yards and no TD passes.

Marcus Mariota capped each of the first two drives with TD passes, and Derrick Henry ran for a pair of TDs. Ryan Succop also added two field goals as the Titans (5-4) scored a season high in points after jumping to a 17-3 lead in the first quarter. They now have beaten both of last season's Super Bowl teams in Nashville.

The loss snaps a six-game winning streak going into New England's bye. The Patriots, who routed the Titans 35-14 in January, also lost to Tennessee for the first time since Dec. 16, 2002.

SAINTS 51, BENGALS 14

CINCINNATI (AP) — Drew Brees threw three touchdown passes in the first half, moving ahead of Brett Favre for second place on the career list, and the Saints rolled to their eighth straight victory.

Brees led the Saints to touchdowns on all five first-half possessions with a nearly perfect performance



New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady, center, is sacked by a group of Tennessee Titans defenders in the second half of an NFL football game Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018, in Nashville, Tenn. Associated Press

— only two incompletions. His 17-yard TD to Michael Thomas with 2 seconds left in the half gave him 509 career touchdown passes, one more than Favre. Up next: Peyton Manning's record 539.

Brees had his way with the Bengals' historically bad defense, even diving over the pile to score a 1-yard touchdown. Cincinnati (5-4) became the first team in the Super Bowl era to give up 500 yards in three consecutive games; New Orleans finished with 509.

The Bengals matched the most lopsided defeat in franchise history and gave up the second-most points in club history. In the first half alone, the Saints piled up 311 yards and had 21 first downs on 40 plays. Brees was 18 of 20 for 214 yards with three touchdowns. Mark Ingram and Alvin Kamara recognized Dez Bryant by crossing their arms after scoring touchdowns. The former Cowboys receiver signed with the Saints on Wednesday but tore an Achilles tendon in his second practice.

CHIEFS 26, CARDINALS 14

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Patrick Mahomes threw for 249 yards and two touchdowns, outplaying Arizona counterpart Josh Rosen in a matchup of two of the

NFL's bright young quarterbacks.

Mahomes threw both TD passes to Tyreek Hill, the second giving the Chiefs' first-year starter 31 for the season. That broke the franchise record set by Len Dawson in 1964 — with plenty of games to go. Not to mention the playoffs, with the Chiefs (9-1) barreling toward the No. 1 seed. Rosen had 195 yards passing with a touchdown and two picks, taking several brutal hits in the fourth quarter. David Johnson ran for 98 yards, with TDs on the ground and through the air, while Larry Fitzgerald passed Terrell Owens for No. 2 on the NFL's career receiving yardage list late in the game.

Fitzgerald finished with six catches for 50 yards to give him 15,952 for his brilliant career.

Hill had seven catches for 117 yards, and Kareem Hunt pounded his way for 71 yards rushing, as the Chiefs kept the Cardinals (2-7) winless in six meetings at Arrowhead Stadium.

COWBOYS 27, EAGLES 20

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Ezekiel Elliott had 151 yards rushing and the go-ahead 1-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter in Dallas' victory over Philadelphia. The defending Super Bowl

champion Eagles fell to 4-5 with their third straight loss at home while the Cowboys improved to 4-5.

Dak Prescott had 270 yards passing with a touchdown and also ran for a score. Elliott also had a scoring reception.

Carson Wentz threw a pair of TD passes to Zach Ertz, but his pass to Ertz on fourth down fell a yard short of a first down at the Cowboys 29 with 1:09 left.

The Eagles got the ball back at their 32 with 40 seconds left and drove to the Cowboys 32 for the final play. Wentz completed a pass to Ertz inside the Dallas 10. Ertz lateraled to Golden Tate, but he was tackled to end it.

PACKERS 31, DOLPHINS 12

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Aaron Jones ran for career highs of 145 yards and two scores, Aaron Rodgers and Davante Adams connected for two touchdown passes.

The Packers (4-4-1) pulled away in the second half, sandwiching scoring drives around cornerback Bashaud Breeland's interception deep in Miami territory. Green Bay went ahead 28-12 on Adams' 25-yard touchdown catch with 7:24 left in the third quarter.

Maybe this is the game that

will get the Packers going in the tight NFC North race following a choppy first half of the season.

Rookie Jason Sanders tied a Dolphins franchise record with four field goals, but Miami (5-5) couldn't find the end zone. The Dolphins squandered another opportunity on the game-opening drive after Brock Osweiler fumbled away a shotgun snap.

CHARGERS 20, RAIDERS 6

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Philip Rivers threw two touchdown passes, Melvin Gordon gained 165 yards and the Chargers won their sixth straight game.

Rivers bounced back from a first quarter with no completions to throw an 11-yard TD pass to Keenan Allen in the second quarter to give the Chargers (7-2) the lead for good. He hit a 66-yarder to Gordon on the opening drive of the second half.

Los Angeles coasted from there against the Raiders (1-8), who have lost five straight games by at least 14 points under coach Jon Gruden. They and have been outscored 75-9 in the past nine quarters in what has quickly become a lost season.

Oakland started quickly by controlling the ball for 23 of 29 plays in the first quarter and outgaining the Chargers by 129 yards. But Los Angeles allowed little after Melvin Ingram forced a fumble on a sack of Derek Carr early in the second quarter with the Raiders looking to add to a 3-0 lead.

Rivers found his stride after that.

RAMS 36, SEAHAWKS 31

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Brandin Cooks rushed for a 9-yard touchdown on the first snap after Dante Fowler forced and recovered a fumble by Russell Wilson, and the Rams bounced back from their first loss of the season.

Jared Goff passed for 318 yards and two touchdowns, and Todd Gurley rushed for 120 yards and a score as the Rams (9-1) swept the season series with their division rivals. □



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Ohtani wins AL Rookie of the Year; Acuna wins NL honor

By **RONALD BLUM**
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Los Angeles Angels two-way star Shohei Ohtani has been voted American League Rookie of the Year after becoming the first player since Babe Ruth with 10 homers and four pitching wins in the same season.

Atlanta Braves outfielder Ronald Acuna Jr. was an overwhelming pick for the National League honor, easily beating Washington outfielder Juan Soto.

Ohtani, a 24-year-old right-hander who joined the Angels last winter after five seasons with Japan's Nippon Ham Fighters, received 25 first-place votes and four seconds for 137 points from the Baseball Writers' Association of America in balloting announced Monday.

A pair of New York Yankees infielders followed. Miguel Andujar was second with five firsts and 89 points, and Gleyber Torres was next with 25 points.

Ohtani was 4-2 with a 3.31 ERA and 63 strikeouts over 51 2/3 innings in 10 starts, limited by a torn elbow ligament that required surgery on Oct. 1 and likely will prevent him from pitching next year. As a designated hitter, he batted .285 with 22 homers and 61 RBIs and a .925 OPS in 367 plate appearances. He became the first player with 15 homers as a batter and 50 strikeouts as a pitcher in the same season.

Andujar hit .297 with 27 homers and 92 RBIs in 149 games. The 23-year-old third baseman set a Yan-



In this Sept. 21, 2018 photo Los Angeles Angels' Shohei Ohtani, of Japan, waits to stretch during batting practice before a baseball game against the Houston Astros in Houston.

Associated Press



MLB All-Star Ronald Acuna Jr. of the Atlanta Braves points to the ceiling while talking with first base coach Hideki Matsui (55) after teammate Juan Soto of the Washington Nationals ground-rule flied out in the fourth inning of Game 3 against All Japan at the All-Stars Series baseball at Tokyo Dome in Tokyo, Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018.

Associated Press

kees rookie record with 47 doubles, three more than Joe DiMaggio in 1936, and tied the AL rookie mark for doubles set by Boston's Fred Lynn in 1975.

Torres, 21, began the season at Triple-A after missing the second half of 2017 with a torn ligament in his non-throwing arm. The second baseman made his big league debut April 22 and hit .271 with 24 homers and 77 RBIs.

The 20-year-old Acuna received 27 first-place votes and three seconds for 144 points. Soto got two firsts and 89 points, and Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Walker Buehler was next with one firsts and 28 points. Acuna started the season at Triple-A and made his debut on April 25, the youngest player in the majors then at 20 years, 128 days. The Venezuelan hit .293 with 26 homers, 64 RBIs and 16 steals with a .917 OPS. He set a Braves record with eight leadoff homers this season and tied a franchise mark by homering in five straight games from Aug. 11-14.

Soto debuted on May 20 at 19 years, 207 days, although in a quirk the Dominican is credited with a home run from five days before his debut — he went deep on June 18 against the New York Yankees in the completion of the May 15 suspended game. Soto hit .292 with 22 homers, 70 RBIs and a .923 OPS.

Buehler, a 23-year-old right-hander, was 8-5 with a 2.62 ERA in 23 starts and one relief appearance. □

Coyotes score 2 power-play goals in 4-1 win over Capitals

By The Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — Richard Panik and Alex Galchenyuk each had a goal and an assist, and the Arizona Coyotes became the latest team to take advantage of Washington's penalty-killing struggles in a 4-1 win over the Capitals on Sunday.

Galchenyuk and Vinnie Hinostroza each scored on the man advantage for Arizona, which snapped a three-game skid in the third game of a four-game trip. Washington has allowed six power-play goals in its last four games.

Darcy Kuemper made 38 saves for the Coyotes, whose top-ranked penalty kill improved to 20 of its last 21 after two kills against a Capitals power play that entered Sunday ranked second in the NHL.

Derek Stepan added an empty-net goal with 1:32 remaining.

Nicklas Backstrom scored an even-strength goal in the second period for Washington, which ended a five-game homestand 2-2-1. Braden Holtby stopped 18 shots for the Capitals.

PANTHERS 5, SENATORS 1
SUNRISE, Fla. (AP) — Aleksander Barkov scored twice during Florida's five-goal second period and the Panthers won their fourth straight.

Frank Vatrano, Troy Brouwer and Jonathan Huberdeau also scored, and James Reimer made 33 saves. Reimer started in place of Roberto Luongo, who was given the night off



Arizona Coyotes center Alex Galchenyuk, right, scores against Washington Capitals goaltender Braden Holtby in the second period of an NHL hockey game, Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018 in Washington.

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after playing in Saturday's 4-2 win over the New York Islanders.

Mike Hoffman had two assists and has points in 12 straight games, one short of Pavel Bure's franchise record of 13.

Ryan Dzingel scored for the Senators, and Mike McKenna stopped 35 shots in his first start of the season.

WILD 3, BLUES 2
ST. LOUIS (AP) — Mikael Granlund scored his 10th goal of the season in the third period to lift Minnesota to its fifth win in six games. Devan Dubnyk made 29 saves, and the Wild won for the 10th time in their last 12. They completed a franchise-record seven-game road trip at 5-2.

Zach Parise and Joel Eriksson Ek also scored for Min-

nesota.

Oskar Sundqvist and Alex Pietrangelo scored for St. Louis, which also lost at home to Minnesota 5-1 on Nov. 3.

BRUINS 4, GOLDEN KNIGHTS 1

BOSTON (AP) — Jaroslav Halak stopped 37 shots to help Boston win for the fourth time in six games.

David Pastrnak scored again, and Danton Heinen, Jeremy Lauzon and Brad Marchand also had goals for the Bruins. Halak has won all three starts against the Golden Knights while allowing a total of five goals. Cody Eakin scored for Vegas and Malcolm Subban finished with 33 saves. The Golden Knights lost for the third time in four games on their road trip.

One day after his second hat trick of the season, Pastrnak scored on the power play for his league-leading 16th goal to cap the scoring with 3:52 left.

JETS 5, DEVILS 2

WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP) — Mark Scheifele had two goals and an assist to lead Winnipeg.

Nikolaj Ehlers added a goal and an assist, and Jack Roslovic and Mathieu Perrault also scored for the Jets. Connor Hellebuyck stopped 34 shots.

Blake Wheeler had two assists, extending his point streak to 10 games (two goals, 17 assists).

Brett Seney, with his first NHL goal, and Blake Coleman scored for New Jersey, and Damon Severson had two assists. Cory Schneider

finished with 23 saves. The Devils finished a season-high seven-game trip 1-6-0, and were outscored 18-6 in the last three games.

Ehlers scored on a rebound at 7:54 of the second to push Winnipeg's lead to 4-2, and Perrault capped the scoring with 7:13 left in the middle period.

SHARKS 3, FLAMES 1
SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Joe Pavelski had a goal and two assists, Martin Jones stopped 29 shots, and San Jose snapped a two-game skid.

Evander Kane and Joonas Donskoi each had a goal and an assist for the Sharks, who had lost four of their previous six.

Sean Monahan scored and Mike Smith had 26 saves for the Flames, who had won five of their previous six.

Jones stopped a penalty shot from Sam Bennett with 7:38 left in the third period with Calgary trailing 2-1.

AVALANCHE 4, OILERS 1
EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — Semyon Varlamov stopped 26 shots to help Colorado snap a five-game losing streak.

Mikko Rantanen, Carl Soderberg and Tyson Barrie each had a goal and an assist, and Alexander Kerfoot also scored for the Avalanche, who led 4-0 midway through the second period.

Ty Rattie scored in Edmonton's fourth straight loss. Cam Talbot stopped 12 of 15 shots before he was replaced 5:06 into the second. Mikko Koskinen came on and finished with 12 saves. □



In this Oct. 29, 2018, file photo, National Hockey League commissioner Gary Bettman speaks during a news conference in New York.

Associated Press

Tentative settlement reached in NHL concussion lawsuit

By STEPHEN WHYNO
AP Hockey Writer

The NHL and attorneys for retired players announced a tentative settlement Monday in the biggest lawsuit brought against the league over concussions and other head injuries.

The lawsuit, consolidated in federal court in Minnesota and by far the largest

facing the league, involves more than 100 former players who accused the NHL of failing to better prevent head trauma or warn players of risks while promoting violent play that led to their injuries.

The total monetary value of the potential settlement was not disclosed. It is expected to be far less than the billion-dollar agree-

ment reached between the NFL and its former players on the same issue; according to a settlement document posted by Forbes last week, the total value is \$18.9 million, which includes \$22,000 for each player involved in the lawsuit. The NHL said it would not acknowledge any liability for any of the players' claims. □



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As the new CEO of the U.S. Olympic Committee, Sarah Hirshland, or any of the three recently ousted leaders of USA Gymnastics can attest to, the task of running an organization in the U.S. Olympic world looks like a job description from hell:

Wanted: Take-no-prisoners sports-and-business expert to run not-for-profit sports team in which you have no say in picking the players, and cannot pay them, either.

Salary: \$1 million a year if you're lucky.

Key challenges: Ensure athlete safety, both from abusers and day-to-day injuries common to your sport. Keep hundreds of grassroots clubs, thousands of volunteers and hundreds of thousands of recreational participants happy.

Also: From those grassroots programs, maintain a high-functioning, elite program guaranteed to win medals each year at world championships and Olympics.

Bonus: Be ready, at any given moment, to answer to the government, which ultimately controls your future but has vowed not to spend a penny toward furthering your success.

If you succeed, you get to keep your job. For a while, at least.

Ultimately, neither the USA Gymnastics board of directors nor the two leaders it chose to reboot the federation were up to these tasks. That led Hirshland to call for the dismantling of the national governing body (NGB) torn apart by a sex-abuse scandal it couldn't prevent, recognize or rebuild from. Hirshland's own future will be decided in part by what the USOC does to replace the agency it seeks to tear

apart.

USA Gymnastics is only one of 50 national governing bodies — all with differing sizes, agendas, budgets and staffs — but with this common thread:

"You have to not only look for ways to grow your sport, but also for ways to support your sport at the highest level," said Rich Bender, the CEO of USA Wrestling. "At times, you can get conflicted. One of the realities is, those NGBs that have found success have been able to marry the two."

When Congress adopted the Ted Stevens Amateur Sports Act in 1978, its main motivation was to wrest control of the individual sports from the grip of the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU), which regulated most Olympic sports and often adopted rules that didn't allow them to function well at the highest levels.

The law, likely to be revisited and tweaked in the wake of the sex-abuse scandal, established the modern-day USOC and gave it authority to choose which organizations would oversee the dozens of sports on the Olympic program.

Those organizations, the annual revenues of which fall in the range of anywhere from \$750,000 (USA Badminton) to \$35 million (USA Track and Field, US Ski and Snowboard), are in control of much more than producing gold-medal Olympians, however.

"A lot of these NGBs have an executive, and he or she is doing press releases, folding towels and making sure they have a place to stay at the Olympics," said Bob Condron, a longtime Olympic insider who worked at the USOC. "A lot don't have the resources to do what they're supposed



In this Feb. 9, 2018 file photo, a speed skating figure is displayed in front of the Alpensia Ski Jumping Center ahead of the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

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to do." Jim Scherr, the former CEO of the USOC, ticked off no fewer than a dozen roles a typical NGB has to fulfill.

Among them: managing youth sports; developing athlete pipelines; liaising with the NCAA, which is a key part of that pipeline in the United States; marketing, promoting and delivering local programs and services; event management, both local and national; fundraising; sponsorship; media; ticketing; licensing; managing hundreds of volunteers whose only compensation are recognition and occasional access to events. "There's a cycle," Scherr said. "Boards will focus for a while on athletic performance and hire someone who's an expert there. Then, they'll say, 'We've lost sight of the bottom line,' and the sports person will get replaced with someone they think can steward those resources. Then, that will get solidified and they'll want someone who can drive media rights.

"Then, eventually, the focus shifts back to sports."

Until, that is, the cycle is interrupted by an unexpected crisis, which is where USA Gymnastics and, to some extent, the USOC, now find themselves.

Sex abuse has, for now, replaced doping as the crisis that most Olympic organizations were not built to deal with. As the dig-out begins, Hirshland will have to find a leader for gymnastics who, first and foremost, understands the need to shift the focus to athlete safety — with some concrete actions to put behind the words. It is, even in this fraught time, not an area of expertise for most sports executives.

The last time this big an NGB was in this sort of peril came when Logan was hired, not long after the USOC threatened to cut off funding or decertify a federation it deemed to be poorly run by an unwieldy board of directors.

Logan cleaned house and tried to get a grip on a volunteer operation that

many felt had gotten out of control. He also created a panel to assess why the team won a paltry 23 medals in track and field at the Beijing Olympics.

In the end, he was gone, and replaced by Max Siegel, a marketing veteran with NASCAR ties who has received equal doses of love and hate for his signature business accomplishment while at the helm — a 23-year extension on the sponsorship deal with Nike worth more than \$450 million. The U.S. team has won 29 (2012) and 32 (2016) Olympic medals under his watch.

But he has no illusions that these jobs are easy — or forever.

"When people approach it by saying, 'It's a (not-for-profit),' the implication is that it's a charitable organization," Siegel said. "But that's not the case, and running a public entity that has commercial objectives are not missions that go hand-in-hand. It's a constant challenge and it is a built-in tension." □

Uber wants to resume self-driving car tests on public roads

By TOM KRISHER

AP Auto Writer

DETROIT (AP) — Nearly eight months after one of its autonomous test vehicles hit and killed an Arizona pedestrian, Uber wants to resume testing on public roads.

The company has filed an application on with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to test in Pittsburgh, and it has issued a lengthy safety report pledging to put two human backup drivers in each vehicle and take a raft of other precautions to make the vehicles safe.

Company officials acknowledge they have a long way to go to regain public trust after the March 18 crash in Tempe, Arizona, that killed Elaine Herzberg, 49, as she crossed a darkened road outside the lines of a crosswalk.

Police said Uber's backup driver in the autonomous Volvo SUV was streaming the television show "The Voice" on her phone and looking downward before the crash. The National Transportation Safety Board said the autonomous driving system on the Volvo spotted Herzberg about six seconds before hitting her, but did not stop because the system used to automatically apply brakes in potentially dangerous situations had been disabled. A Volvo emergency braking system also had been turned off.



This file photo provided by the Tempe Police Department shows an Uber SUV after hitting a woman on March 18, 2018, in Tempe, Ariz.

"Our goal is to really work to regain that trust and to work to help move the entire industry forward," Noah Zych, Uber's head of system safety for self-driving cars, said in an interview. "We think the right thing to do is to be open and transparent about the things that we are doing."

Among the other precautions, San Francisco-based Uber will keep the autonomous vehicle system engaged at all times and activating the Volvo's automatic emergency braking system as a backup. In addition, Uber is requiring more technical training and expertise of employees sitting behind the wheel of

the vehicles, according to a 70-page safety report the company released Friday. The report comes after the ride-hailing company shut down autonomous vehicle testing to do an internal review of its safety procedures, as well as an outside review by risk management firm LeClairRyan.

Although the report covered all the main bases, Uber should have gone even further given its self-driving car killed Herzberg, said Bryant Walker Smith, an assistant law professor at the University of South Carolina who has been studying the issues affecting autonomous vehicles. In its most glaring omission,

Uber didn't accept responsibility for Herzberg's death — the first involving a fully autonomous vehicle, he said.

"Frankly, I'm looking for more from Uber than from other companies, and I suspect that governments may be as well," Walker Smith said.

Under Pennsylvania's voluntary autonomous guidelines, the Transportation Department has until Nov. 13 to approve or deny Uber's application, or to ask further questions.

Pennsylvania law at present doesn't allow testing of autonomous vehicles without human backup drivers. Google's Waymo already is

carrying passengers in the Phoenix area without human drivers, and General Motors' Cruise Automation expects to do that next year. Pittsburgh officials can't legally prevent testing, but they are in safety talks with Uber and four other entities that have permits to test autonomous vehicles, said Karina Ricks, the city's director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure. For instance, the city wants to limit self-driving vehicle speeds to 25 miles per hour in urban settings, even if the posted speed is higher.

"Lower rates of speed give more time for the vehicle and the safety driver to react and prevent a crash," said Ricks, who characterized the talks as fruitful.

Pittsburgh is home to Uber's autonomous vehicle development center, making it a logical choice for the resumption of robotic car tests.

"We are engaging with the city, with the officials, and are very eager, I think, to ensure that we make a return to the road in self-driving mode in consultation and close partnership with them," said Miriam Chaum, head of public policy for Uber's self-driving vehicles. Later it will discuss bringing its self-driving cars back to Arizona, California and Toronto, Ontario, its other test sites. Arizona suspended the company's permission to test after the crash. □

50 countries vow to fight cybercrime – U.S. and Russia don't

By SYLVIE CORBET

Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — Fifty nations and over 150 tech companies pledged Monday to do more to fight criminal activity on the internet, including interference in elections and hate speech. But the United States, Russia and China are not among them.

The group of governments and companies pledged in a document entitled the "Paris call for trust and security in cyberspace" to work together to prevent malicious activities like on-



French President Emmanuel Macron, right, meets Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau at the Paris Peace Forum in Paris, Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018.

Associated Press

line censorship and the theft of trade secrets.

French President Emmanuel Macron had pushed for the initiative, whose unveiling comes a day after dozens of world leaders gathered in Paris on Sunday for the centenary of the end of World War One.

Speaking at the Internet Governance Forum organized at the Paris-based U.N. cultural agency UNESCO, Macron said it's urgent to better regulate the internet.

The French leader also said that Facebook had

accepted to let a team of French officials observe the way it monitors and removes hate speech content. Speaking at another summit focusing on new technologies in Paris city hall, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said "one of the things we have to do as a society as tech leaders but also as government is reassure people that the innovation, technology ... is going to empower them in ways they will feel part of the world we're building, of the workplaces we're creating." □

Pocket money apps aim to help kids in cashless world

By **KELVIN CHAN**
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — For kids growing up in today's cashless society, the piggy bank is going virtual.

Father of two Roland Hall turned to a British startup's digital pocket money app because his kids were still too young to get bank cards from traditional banks.

With prepaid debit cards linked to the app, Hall's kids, aged 8 and 10, can spend their allowance and chore money by shopping online or by tapping at contactless payment terminals in stores. Sound like a recipe for splurging? Not so, he said.

"When kids have cash they want to spend it quickly. They want to go to the shops and spend it on rubbish," said Hall, an IT project manager. But an app lets them check their balances online, "which actually makes them start thinking about saving rather than getting rid of the money," said Hall, who also prefers giving digital allowances because he never carries cash. The app, which is called gohenry and expanded to the U.S. in April, is part of a wave of digital money apps combined with prepaid cards for kids as young as six that parents have access to. They are powerful new money management and savings tools that replace old-fashioned piggy banks and account passbooks. Some say they can help enhance financial literacy even as the growth of cashless payments upends traditional notions of money.



In this photo taken Oct. 21, 2018, Paddy Kelly and his daughter Ailish use Gohenry, one of a wave of digital banking apps for children, in London.

Associated Press

Globally, the number of non-cash transactions rose 11.2 percent to 433 billion in 2015 from the year before and is forecast to nearly double by 2020, according to the World Payments Report by financial services firms Capgemini and BNP Paribas. Britain, Canada and Sweden are among the world's most cashless countries, according to a 2017 ranking by currency website ForexBonuses, with widespread use of "contactless" bank cards that let shoppers merely tap on payment terminals for small transactions.

In China, where mobile payments rule, Alipay and WeChat Pay allow teens to hold accounts. Hong Kong offers a kids' version of its stored value Octopus card,

based on older technology.

In the U.S., the fragmented banking sector means most cards still need to be swiped and, sometimes, require a pin number. Merchants in big U.S. cities are increasingly going cashless because they can gather more customer data, which makes it harder for teens without bank cards, said Stuart Sopp, CEO of Current, a two-year-old U.S. fintech startup.

"Parents are willing to pay to solve a problem that banks are not solving" - helping youngsters deal with digital money, said Sopp.

Current, gohenry and others such as Britain's Nimbl and Osper, Australia's Spriggy and Famzoo and Greenlight of the U.S. op-

erate on similar principles. They typically charge a monthly or annual fee for prepaid debit cards. Parents can load money from their bank onto their own account, set weekly allowance amounts and spending limits, list chores to earn extra money, and block certain types of transactions, like online shopping. Money is sent to kids' linked accounts, which they can use to set savings goals. The Current app rounds up each transaction and sweeps the change into a savings account.

Crucially, the apps send instant alerts about transactions, a feature parents love, said gohenry CEO Alex Zivoder.

"You give cash to a kid, how do you as a parent

know what he will do with this money?" he said.

Hall said his son, Ralph, 8, uses it to save up to buy 70 pound (\$92) soccer shoes and PlayStation video games while his daughter Lilly, 10, saves for shoes or clothing.

They both also save up to buy extras on the video game Fortnite.

He said he turned to the app because "I want them to understand what the value of money is."

The apps are making inroads amid growing adult uncertainty about how the shift to cashless payments is affecting children's view of money.

In one U.K. survey commissioned last year by Prudential, about 78 percent of teachers and 37 percent of parents said it hurt youngsters' understanding of money.

More than a quarter felt contactless cards encouraged them to spend more and didn't help them develop mental arithmetic skills as well as handling cash, the poll of 501 parents found. No margin of error was given.

They're valid concerns, said Russell Winnard, head of programs and services at financial education charity Young Money, a charity, but he added that apps can help parents explain to children how money works. "Young people are seeing less and less cash transactions, which just means that we have to be even more careful to talk about what is happening at each of those stages, because it has become more abstract," said Winnard. □

Meredith to sell Fortune brand for \$150 million

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Media and publishing giant Meredith Corp. says it is selling its Fortune brand for \$150 million in cash to Fortune Media Group.

The deal, subject to regulatory approval, is expected to close by the end of the year.

Meredith said Friday it will use the proceeds to pay down debt.

Fortune Media Group is owned outright by Thai businessman Chatchaval Jiaravanon, a part owner of the international conglomerate Charoen Pokphand Group.

Meredith, based in Des

Moines, Iowa, had acquired Fortune as part of its purchase of Time Inc., which closed early this year. Meredith then sold Time magazine in October to Marc Benioff and his wife, Lynne. Marc Benioff was a co-founder of Salesforce, a cloud computing company.

As it looks to focus on brands serving American women, Meredith says it soon hopes to announce the sales of Sports Illustrated and Money, also acquired in the Time Inc. deal.

The transaction is part of a continued trend of older, struggling print publica-

tions being bought up by wealthy businessmen. In 2013, Amazon founder Jeff Bezos purchased The Washington Post for \$250 million.

Founded in 1930, Fortune's franchises include the Fortune 500, the 100 Best Companies to Work For and other similar titles. □

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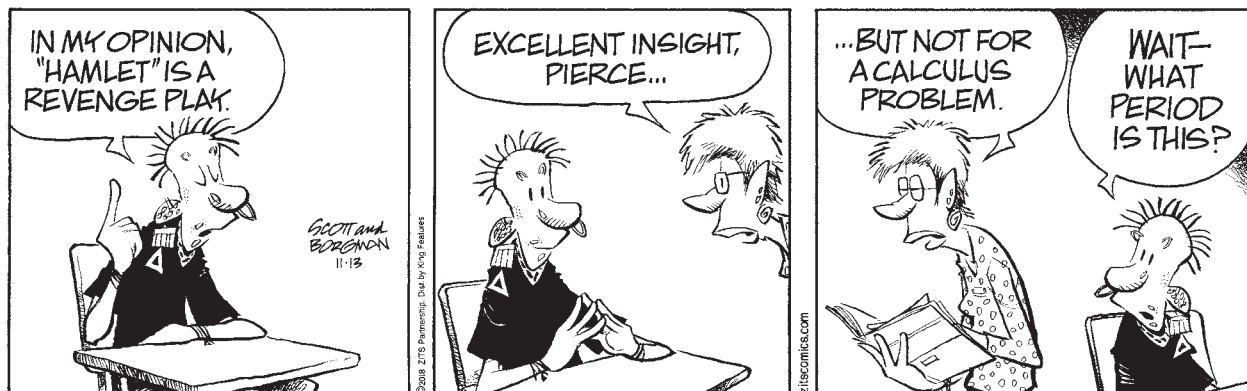
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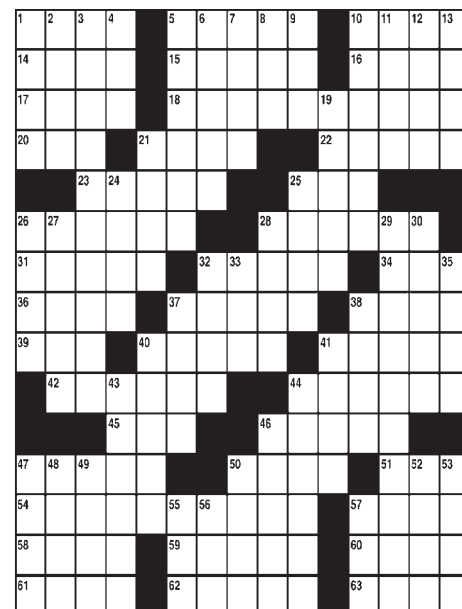
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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1	3	2	5	6	9	7	4	8
7	5	9	2	8	4	3	6	1

- ACROSS
- 1 Wasn't ___ of; disliked
- 5 European nation
- 10 ___ the fat; chat
- 14 Over-the-hill
- 15 Venomous critter
- 16 Biblical verb
- 17 Word of agreement
- 18 "I pledge ___ to the flag..."
- 20 ___ out; begin a trip
- 21 Unrestrained
- 22 As ___ as a feather
- 23 Angers
- 25 Evergreen tree
- 26 Locations
- 28 Seashores
- 31 ___ the roost; held sway
- 32 Was nosy
- 34 Gun the engine
- 36 Very dry
- 37 Plant parts
- 38 Blaze
- 39 Nevertheless
- 40 Like old poorly-wrapped cheese
- 41 Go away
- 42 Bundle of energy
- 44 Actor James ___
- 45 Afternoon hour
- 46 Injured arm support
- 47 Religious leader
- 50 Mahogany or cedar
- 51 ___ dos, tres...
- 54 Extremely funny
- 57 Do farm work
- 58 No longer with us
- 59 Keats and Yeats
- 60 Make money
- 61 Uneasy
- 62 Too sentimental
- 63 Weapons
- 8 County Cork's nation: abbr.
- 9 Henpeck
- 10 Pieces of furniture
- 11 Word attached to nail or out
- 12 Engrave
- 13 Sharpen
- 19 Epic poem by Homer
- 21 Got away
- 24 Like gooey cinnamon rolls
- 25 Enemies
- 26 Pastor's advice
- 27 Enticed
- 28 Salt Lake ___
- 29 Shaped like a billiards rack
- 30 "They also ___ who only stand and wait"
- 32 Explorer Marco
- 33 Stewart or Serling
- 35 Swerve off course
- 37 European capital city
- 38 Bouquet greenery



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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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CORRESPOND	STOP	
ELMS	RANGE	RITA
DOSE	SNEER	ACT

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- 40 Excessive enthusiasm
- 41 ___ to rest; buried
- 43 Nary a soul
- 44 Shiny
- 46 Word in the title of 2 U.S. state names
- 47 Impolite
- 48 Ridiculed
- 49 Boast
- 50 Miserias
- 52 Role on "Cheers"
- 53 Possesses
- 55 Record speed letters
- 56 End of a vowel list
- 57 ___ green



Cat statues on display, at an ancient necropolis near Egypt's famed pyramids in Saqqara, Giza, Egypt, Saturday, Nov. 10, 2018.

Associated Press

Egypt's newly discovered tombs hold mummies, animal statues

By The Associated Press
SAQQARA, Egypt (AP) — A top Egyptian antiquities official says local archaeologists have discovered seven Pharaonic Age tombs near the capital Cairo containing dozens of cat mummies along with wooden statues depicting other animals and birds. Mostafa Waziri told reporters Saturday that the discovery at Saqqara also includes mummies of scarabs, the first ever to be found in the area.

Of the statues found, those depicting cats were the majority, reflecting the reverence ancient Egyptians showed the felines, whose God Bastet was worshipped. Other statues depicted a lion, a cow and a falcon. Egypt has been whipping up publicity for its new historical discoveries in the hopes of reviving a devastated tourism sector still recovering from the turmoil following a 2011 uprising that toppled longtime autocrat Hosni Mubarak. □



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Scientists: Wind, drought worsen fires, not bad management

By **SETH BORENSTEIN**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Both nature and humans share blame for California's devastating wildfires, but forest management did not play a major role, despite President Donald Trump's claims, fire scientists say. Nature provides the dangerous winds that have whipped the fires, and human-caused climate change over the long haul is killing and drying the shrubs and trees that provide the fuel, experts say. "Natural factors and human-caused global warming effects fatally collude" in these fires, said wildfire expert Kristen Thornicke of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research in Germany.

Multiple reasons explain the fires' severity, but "forest management wasn't one of them," University of Utah fire scientist Philip Dennison said.

Trump tweeted on Saturday: "There is no reason for these massive, deadly and costly forest fires in California except that forest management is so poor. Billions of dollars are given each year, with so many lives lost, all because of gross mismanagement of the forests."

The death toll from the wildfire that incinerated the town of Northern California town of Paradise and surrounding areas climbed to 29, matching the mark for the deadliest single blaze in California history.

Statewide, the number of fire dead stood at 31,



Flames consume a Kentucky Fried Chicken as the Camp Fire tears through Paradise, Calif., on Thursday, Nov. 8, 2018.

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including two victims in Southern California.

One reason that scientists know that management isn't to blame is that some areas now burning had fires in 2005 and 2008, so they aren't "fuel-choked closed-canopy forests," Dennison said.

In those earlier fires, Paradise was threatened but escaped major damage, he said. In the current blazes, it was virtually destroyed.

The other major fire, in Southern California, burned through shrub land, not forest, Dennison said.

"It's not about forest management. These aren't forests," he said.

The dean of the University of Michigan's environmental school, Jonathan Overpeck, said Western fires are getting bigger and more severe. He said it "is much less due to bad management and is instead the result of our baking of our forests, woodlands and grass-

lands with ever-worsening climate change."

Wildfires have become more devastating because of the extreme weather swings from global warming, fire scientists said. The average number of U.S. acres burned by wildfires has doubled over the level from 30 years ago.

As of Monday, more than 13,200 square miles (34,200 square kilometers) have burned. That's more than a third higher than the 10-year average.

From 1983 to 1999, the United States didn't reach 10,000 square miles burned annually.

Since then, 11 of 19 years have had more than 10,000 square miles burned, including this year. In 2006, 2015 and 2017, more than 15,000 square miles burned. The two fires now burning "aren't that far out of line with the fires we've seen in these areas in recent decades," Dennison said.

"The biggest factor was wind," Dennison said in an email.

"With wind speeds as high as they were, there was nothing firefighters could do to stop the advance of the fires."

These winds, called Santa Ana winds, and the unique geography of high mountains and deep valleys act like chimneys, fortifying the fires, Thornicke said.

The wind is so strong that fire breaks — areas where trees and brush have been cleared or intentionally burned to deprive the advancing flames of fuel — won't work.

One of the fires jumped over eight lanes of freeway, about 140 feet (43 meters), Dennison said.

Southern California had fires similar to the Woolsey fire in 1982, when winds were 60 mph, but "the difference between 1982 and today is a much higher population in these areas. Many more people were threatened and had to be evacuated," Dennison said.

California also has been in drought for all but a few years of the 21st century and is now experiencing its longest drought, which began on Dec. 27, 2011, and has lasted 358 weeks, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

Nearly two-thirds of the state is abnormally dry.

The first nine months of the year have been fourth-warmest on record for California, and this past summer was the second-hottest on record in the state. Because of that, there are 129 million dead trees, which provide fuel for fires, Thornicke said.

And it's more than trees. Dead shrubs around the bottom of trees provide what is called "ladder fuel," offering a path for fire to climb from the ground to the treetops and intensifying the conflagration by a factor of 10 to 100, said Kevin Ryan, a fire consultant and former fire scientist at the U.S. Forest Service.

While many conservatives advocate cutting down more trees to prevent fires, no one makes money by cutting dead shrubs, and that's a problem, he said.

Local and state officials have cleared some Southern California shrub, enough for normal weather and winds. But that's not enough for this type of extreme drought, said Ryan, also a former firefighter.

University of Alberta fire scientist Mike Flannigan earlier this year told The Associated Press that the hotter and drier the weather, the easier it is for fires to start, spread and burn more intensely.

It's simple, he said: "The warmer it is, the more fire we see."

For every 1.8 degrees Fahrenheit that the air warms, it needs 15 percent more rain to make up for the drying of the fuel, Flannigan said. Federal fire and weather data show the years with the most acres burned were generally a degree warmer than average.

"Everyone who has gardened knows that you must water more on hotter days," Overpeck said.

"But, thanks in part to climate change, California isn't getting enough snow and rain to compensate for the unrelenting warming caused by climate change.

The result is a worsening wildfire problem. □

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Miro Sorvino urges #MeToo to do more than 'name and shame'

By **JOHN CARUCCI**
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Mira Sorvino believes the key to eradicating sexual misconduct lies more in preventative education than in "naming and shaming" the perpetrators. The Oscar-winning actress was one of the first to come forward with allegations of abuse against movie mogul Harvey Weinstein, and her resilience has not wavered. She wants to work with students — from younger grades to the end of high school — to make them understand consent and their physical rights. "So we don't raise boys — because it's mostly boys who do this, some girls, but mostly boys — who turn into men who commit these heinous crimes," Sorvino told the Associated Press during a recent interview while promoting her role on the new season of the Sony Crackle series, *StartUp*. Sorvino agrees that the culture has changed over the past year, but feels there's a long way to go, especially when bad behavior is validated in entertainment.



In this May 10, 2018, file photo Mira Sorvino attends the 20th Annual From Slavery to Freedom Gala at City Market Social House in Los Angeles.

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"That was sort of taught to us by like '80s movies culture like 'Sixteen Candles' or 'Porky's' or 'Animal House' which made it OK to commit date rape and it was the women's fault because she was drunk rather than, 'That's date rape.'"

How could you possibly take advantage of somebody who can't even

speak?" she said. She added: "That's not cool. That's not fun." But that's what my generation of guys were brought up on. I mean I was brought up watching those movies, so we've got to change the culture. It can't just be punishment and naming and shaming, it's got to be prevention because that's what we re-

ally want. We want no one victimized," Sorvino said. Sorvino has found some solace as a prominent voice in the #MeToo and Time's Up movements. Advancements by these organizations have become a rallying cry for women victimized over the years by varying degrees of sexual misconduct. On

Dec. 1, she will join the Mika Brzezinski-led line-up for the "Know Your Value" event in San Francisco, which is designed to support and empower women.

She's kept acting, too. In "StartUp," Sorvino plays a quirky NSA agent with a deadly side that tries to take down a dark-web site to find a terror cell. The series raises questions about online privacy and the government. It's currently streaming on Sony Crackle. She also has helped lobby for legislation in California that provides protections and opportunities for women and girls. Three of the bills presented under the proposed #TakeTheLead legislation have been enacted into law after being signed by California Gov. Jerry Brown.

And she has bigger plans in mind, namely a change to the U.S. Constitution guaranteeing equal rights for women. "This year coming up I really want to see the Equal Rights Amendment passed. It's nuts that we don't have explicit equality in the constitution," Sorvino said. □

Michelle Obama memoir is next pick for Winfrey book club

By **HILLEL ITALIE**
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Michelle Obama's "Becoming," already expected to sell millions of copies, now has the official backing of Oprah Winfrey. "This book is everything you wanted to know and so much you didn't even know you wanted to know. I believe it's going to spark within you the desire to think about your own becoming," Winfrey, who on Monday told The Associated Press in a statement that she had selected "Becoming" for her book club. "It's so well-written I can hear her voice; I can hear her expressions; I can feel her emotion. What she allows us to see is how she was able to discover, define and then refine her voice." In "Becoming," Obama shares such deeply personal revelations as suffering



In this March 13, 2018, file photo, actress Oprah Winfrey poses for photographers upon arrival at the premiere of the film 'A Wrinkle In Time' in London.

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a miscarriage and sharply criticizes President Donald Trump for promoting the false "birther" rumor that Barack Obama was not a U.S. citizen.

The former first lady's book comes out Tuesday and is among the most antici-

pated political memoirs in years, topping Amazon.com's best-seller list throughout the weekend. Winfrey, publishing's most established hit maker, knows the Obamas well, to the point where Michelle Obama and Ellen DeGe-

neres once teased each other over who was closer to her. Winfrey was a prominent backer of Barack Obama's candidacy in 2008 and has interviewed both Obamas over the years. She is scheduled to be on-

stage Tuesday night with Michelle Obama at Chicago's United Center, the first stop on Obama's promotional tour.

Winfrey has already taped an interview with Obama, which airs Thursday on the OWN network, and excerpts of the book will appear in O, the Oprah Magazine and in Elle. A two-part podcast will run Thursday and the following Monday, Nov. 19.

"Becoming" is Winfrey's first pick by an author from the political world since she started her club in 1996, although Obama has said repeatedly she has no interest in running for office. Winfrey's previous picks have ranged from novels such as Colson Whitehead's "The Underground Railroad" and Tayari Jones' "An American Marriage" to Anthony Ray Hinton's memoir "The Sun Does Shine." □

Gary Hart biopic a great look at a political moment

By **MARK KENNEDY**

Associated Press

Come closer, children, and listen to the tale of what politics was like before TMZ. Back in those dark ages, reporters simply didn't dig around and ask embarrassing questions of people running for office. They certainly did not bring up infidelity. I know, right?

According to the fascinating new film "The Front Runner," that all changed in the spring of 1987 when the first major politician to be grilled on his sex life was presidential hopeful Sen. Gary Hart, spotted cozying up to a woman who was not his wife. He went from leading the Democratic field to being a political footnote in under a month. "A lot can happen in three weeks," the filmmakers remind us.

This year comes 31 years after Hart's implosion and the list of politicians subsequently forced to face inquiries about their sex life has been long, including John Edwards, Bill Clinton, Mark Sanford, Anthony Weiner and the current oc-



This image released by Sony Pictures shows Hugh Jackman in a scene from "The Front Runner."

Associated Press

cupant of the White House. As it turns out, a lot of their falls from grace tell us as much about us as it does about them.

Director and co-writer Jason Reitman's nicely understated and nuanced film sees Hart's collapse from multiple angles — Hart himself, his campaign troops, his wife, his mistress and

the newspaper reporters who seemed to surprise themselves by bringing the politician down. There is so much villainy and yet precious few villains here.

Hugh Jackman plays Hart as a policy wonk with his head in the clouds, flustered that anyone would be crass enough to ask who he shares his bed with. Hart, as suave throwing an ax as he is citing Tolstoy, built a wall between personal and private but now that divider was crashing down. When asked — point-blank — whether he had committed adultery, he waffles: "I guess I don't think that a fair question." Wait, what's that smell? It's Hart becoming toast.

But don't expect journalists to come off like white knights. Reitman perfectly captures the nervousness that the scandal makes news executives feel, the sickness some feel covering it, the crushing rivalry between newspapers and the bickering about whether to take a high or a low road (Hint: there is no longer a high road.) The off-hour chumminess between reporters and the pitch-black joking of Fourth Estate members is well handled — and accurate. Not even Ben Bradlee of The Washington Post (played with knowing cynicism by Alfred Molina) is too heroic.

Where the film seems to

widen its subject — and makes itself relevant in the midst of the #MeToo movement — is the way it captures the twin pain of the women Hart has hurt — his wife, played beautifully by Vera Farmiga, and his mistress, Donna Rice, portrayed with sweetness and vulnerability by Sara Paxton.

Farmiga is the definition of long-suffering but gets to unleash her rage in a scene where she tells her husband to own their pain. "You carry it so I don't have to," she tells him.

Hart campaign workers — led by the gruff Bill Dixon (a terrific J.K. Simmons) — are left shell-shocked. One staffer, played by the excellent Molly Ephraim, is assigned to take care of Rice and the two have some fabulous scenes exploring the role of women in this man's world and the expectations they face. It is bracingly relevant.

Paxton shows Rice as both aware of her beauty but also desperate not to be seen as what she became — a late-night talk show shorthand for bimbo.

There's a scene in which she tearfully hopes her parents won't find out about her dalliance. That was never in the cards.

To write the screenplay, Reitman leaned on Matt Bai, a journalist who wrote about Hart in his book "All The Truth

Is Out." It has a "West Wing" feel, with plenty of cross-talk and decisions being made on the fly. Reitman also seems to have had fun returning to 1987, with references to "Miami Vice," a snippet of Expose's "Point of No Return" and reporters struggling in a pre-internet world with payphones and dot matrix printers. Reitman's focus is on the places and discussions behind the scenes, and so he wisely avoids lazily duplicating the famous shot aboard the boat Monkey Business that doomed Hart or showing anything steamy between Hart and Rice.

There is a moment at the end of the three weeks when Hart seems to turn a political corner, weathering the sex scandal storm, but it proves a false dawn. ("It's gossip. It'll blow over," he insists.)

The filmmakers don't really explain why Hart finally pulled the plug but it leads to a wonderful final scene of just Gary Hart with his wife, still and quiet and in silhouette after so much noise. (They're watching, naturally, Gary Hart's speech ending his campaign).

"The Front Runner" is appropriately paced like a thriller, as everyone involved gets pulled down into the drain, helplessly. Those three weeks in 1987 may not answer all our questions about how nasty our politics and journalism has become since then, but it is clear that everyone involved was a little guilty.

"The Front Runner," a Columbia Pictures release, is rated R for "language, including some sexual references." Running time: 113 minutes.

Three and a half stars out of four. □

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Laura Jane Grace goes on a thrilling sonic side road

By MARK KENNEDY
Associated Press

Laura Jane Grace & the Devouring Mothers, "Bought to Rot" (Bloodshot Records)

The words just tumble out of Laura Jane Grace on her new album, a torrent of thoughts, observations and memories from one of rock's most charismatic figures.

The Against Me! singer and guitarist has taken a break from her superb punk band to explore more glam-rock terrain with the side project Laura Jane Grace & the Devouring Mothers.

Her lyrics are barely contained by the structure of the songs, bellowed one moment or stretched into sing-talk poetry. One song, "Manic Depression," has 250 words, another has 240 and a third has 230.

"Bought to Rot" is less heavy than previous Against Me! offerings, with some songs

that could easily fit on mainstream alt-rock radio. It's also less angry, more theatrical and more surreal. (Many of the songs feel in the vein of "Hedwig and the Angry Inch.") It's a dizzying, sometimes hysterical, sometimes heartbreaking, but always deeply personal album.

It kicks off with the claustrophobic "China Beach," with Grace seemingly jarred awake and confused: "Are you my enemy and are we at war?" she asks. "Are you the hunter? Am I the prey?" Grace, whose life and career changed dramatically when she came out as a transgender woman in 2012, has teamed up in the new band with Against Me! drummer Atom Willard and Against Me! producer Marc Jacob Hudson on bass.

The album's lyrics explore everything from love gone bad to mental illness, with



This cover image released by Bloodshot Records shows "Bought to Rot" a release by Laura Jane Grace & the Devouring Mothers.

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a sense of rootlessness throughout — two songs have Grace in hotels and one in an airplane. "Infinite

distance, eternal displacement," she sings on "Born in Black."

Fans of the Windy City

may want to turn down song No. 8, titled "I Hate Chicago." It's an expletive-laced stew of angst toward America's third-largest city, with Grace complaining about everything in her hometown from the food ("Learn how to make a pizza") to sports ("I hate the Cubs, the Sox, the Blackhawks and the Bulls") to its citizens ("You and all your self-righteous hipster hoods can go to hell.") It's seething and frenetic and wildly funny.

Other standouts include the R.E.M.-reminiscent "Apocalypse Now (& Later)," the Lou Reed-ish tunes "Amsterdam Hotel Room" and "Manic Depression," and the David Bowie-adjacent "Screamy Dreamy." There's electricity in every song and an abrasive unpredictability throughout. You can't ask for more — if you live outside Chicago. □

Stan Lee, creator of a galaxy of Marvel superheroes, dies

By **ANDREW DALTON**
DAVE ZELIO

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Stan Lee, the creative dynamo who revolutionized the comic book and helped make billions for Hollywood by introducing human frailties in Marvel superheroes such as Spider-Man, the Fantastic Four and the Incredible Hulk, died Monday. He was 95.

Lee was declared dead at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, according to Kirk Schenck, an attorney for Lee's daughter, J.C. Lee.

As the top writer at Marvel Comics and later as its publisher, Lee was widely considered the architect of the contemporary comic book. He revived the industry in the 1960s by offering the costumes and action craved by younger readers while insisting on sophisticated plots, college-level dialogue, satire, science fiction, even philosophy. Millions responded to the unlikely mix of realistic fantasy, and many of his characters, including Spider-Man, the Hulk and X-Men went on to become stars of blockbuster films. He won the National Medal of Arts in 2008.

Recent projects Lee helped make possible range from the films "Avengers: Infinity War," "Black Panther" and "Guardians of the Galaxy" to such TV series as "Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D" and "Daredevil." Lee was recognizable to his fans, having had cameos in many Marvel films and TV projects, often delivering his trademark motto, "Excelsior!"

"Captain America" actor Chris Evans mourned the loss on Twitter: "There will never be another Stan Lee. For decades he provided both young and old with adventure, escape, comfort, confidence, inspiration, strength, friendship and joy. He exuded love and kindness and will leave an indelible mark on so, so, so many lives. Excelsior!!"

Lee hit his stride in the 1960s when he brought the Fantastic Four, the Hulk, Spider-Man, Iron Man and numer-



In this April 16, 2002, file photo, Stan Lee, 79, creator of comic-book franchises such as "Spider-Man," "The Incredible Hulk" and "X-Men," smiles during a photo session in his office in Santa Monica, Calif.

Associated Press

ous others to life. "It was like there was something in the air. I couldn't do anything wrong," he said.

His heroes, meanwhile, were a far cry from virtuous do-gooders such as rival DC Comics' Superman.

The Fantastic Four fought with each other. Spider-Man was goaded into superhero work by his alter ego, Peter Parker, who suffered from unrequited crushes, money problems and dandruff. The Silver Surfer, an alien doomed to wander Earth's atmo-

sphere, waxed about the woeful nature of man. The Hulk was marked by self-loathing. Daredevil was blind and Iron Man had a weak heart.

Some of Lee's creations became symbols of social change — the inner turmoil of Spider-Man represented '60s America, for example, while The Black Panther and The Savage She-Hulk mirrored the travails of minorities and women.

"I think of them as fairy tales for grown-ups," he told The AP. "We all grew up with gi-

ants and ogres and witches. Well, you get a little bit older and you're too old to read fairy tales.

But I don't think you ever outgrow your love for those kind of things, things that are bigger than life and magical and very imaginative."

Lee scripted most of Marvel's superhero comics himself during the '60s, including ones about the Avengers and the X-Men, two of the most enduring. In 1972, he became Marvel's publisher and editorial direc-

tor; four years later, 72 million copies of "Spider-Man" were sold.

CBS turned the Hulk into a successful TV series, with Bill Bixby and Lou Ferrigno portraying the doomed scientist from 1978-82. A Spider-Man series ran briefly in 1978. Both characters were featured in animated TV series as well.

The first big-budget movie based on Lee's characters, "X-Men," was a smash in 2000, earning more than \$130 million at North American theaters. "Spider-Man" did even better, taking in more than \$400 million in 2002. A Marvel movie empire would emerge after that, one of the most lucrative mega-franchises in cinema history, with the recent "Avengers: Infinity War" grossing more than \$2 billion worldwide. In 10 years, the Marvel Cinematic Universe film shave netted over \$17.6 billion in worldwide grosses.

As sales of comics declined, Marvel was forced into bankruptcy proceedings that meant it had to void a lifetime contract prohibiting Lee from working for anyone else. Lee later sued Marvel for \$10 million, saying the company cheated him out of millions in profits from movies based on his characters.

In 2000, Lee agreed to write stories for DC Comics, reinventing Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman and other signature characters for Marvel's one-time rival. In the late 1990s, he looked to capitalize on the Internet craze, offering animated "webisodes" of comic-like action.

Lee's wife and partner in nearly everything, Joan Lee, died in 2017, leaving a void that made her husband, by then in mental and physical decline, vulnerable to hangers-on who began to surround him. Lawsuits, court fights and an elder abuse investigation all emerged in the fight over who spoke for the elderly Lee.

Lee is survived by his daughter, Joanie, and a younger brother who also worked in comics, Larry Lieber. □



In this April 11, 2012, file photo, Stan Lee arrives at the premiere of "The Avengers" in Los Angeles.

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